

CRS No. 13310

Name: Capt. R. S. Penning Site (Baist 1893)

Address: North side of Main Street, 775 feet East of Middletown Warwick Road

Tax Parcel: N/A

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1870

Time Period: 1880-1940±, Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

**Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture; Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts
(Residential Architecture)**

This property was previously documented by the University of Delaware's Center for Historic Architecture and Engineering (now Center for Historic Architecture and Design) as part of their U.S. Route 301 Corridor Study in 1993. The property has since been removed. As part of the current study, a CRS 10 Survey Update Form was prepared. Although the property is located in the midst of a modern, commercial development, the property may contain an intact historical archaeological site and should be further investigated if it could be directly affected by the U.S. 301 project.



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U.S. 301 Project Development
1962 Aerial
Capt. R.S. Pennington House - CRS No. N13310





DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

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N13310.

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Capt. R.S. Pennington Site (Balst 1893)
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: North Side of Main Street, 775' East of Middletown Warwick Rd
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ poor ☐ demolished ☒
4. INTEGRITY: Dwelling has been demolished.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Former property is surrounded by modern commercial development.

6. FORMS ADDED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS09	N/A

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Catherine M. Dluzak / Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/15/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N13310.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II
- ☐ 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- ☒ 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☐ 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☐ 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- ☐ 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

**DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
16 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901**

CRS#: N13310.

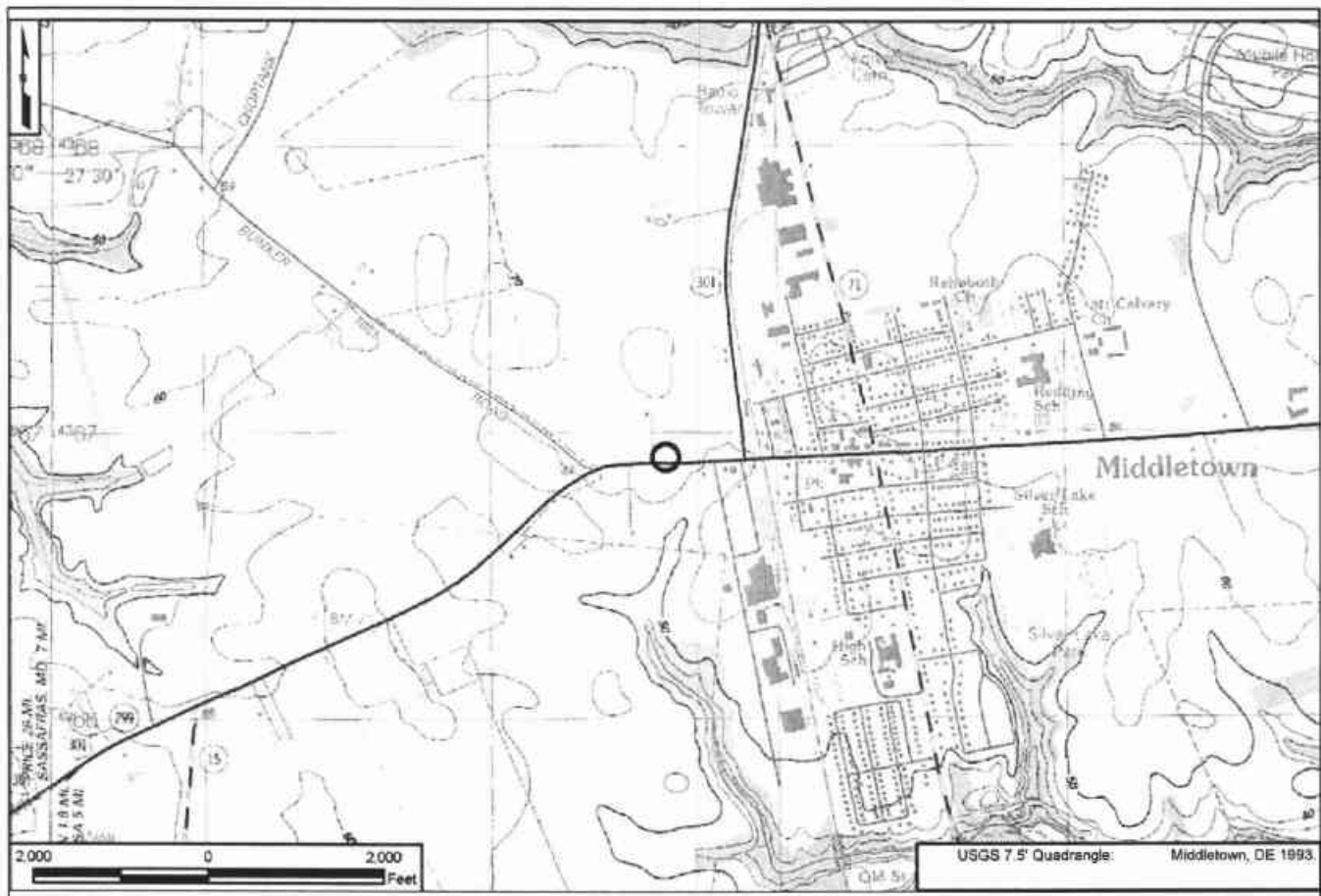
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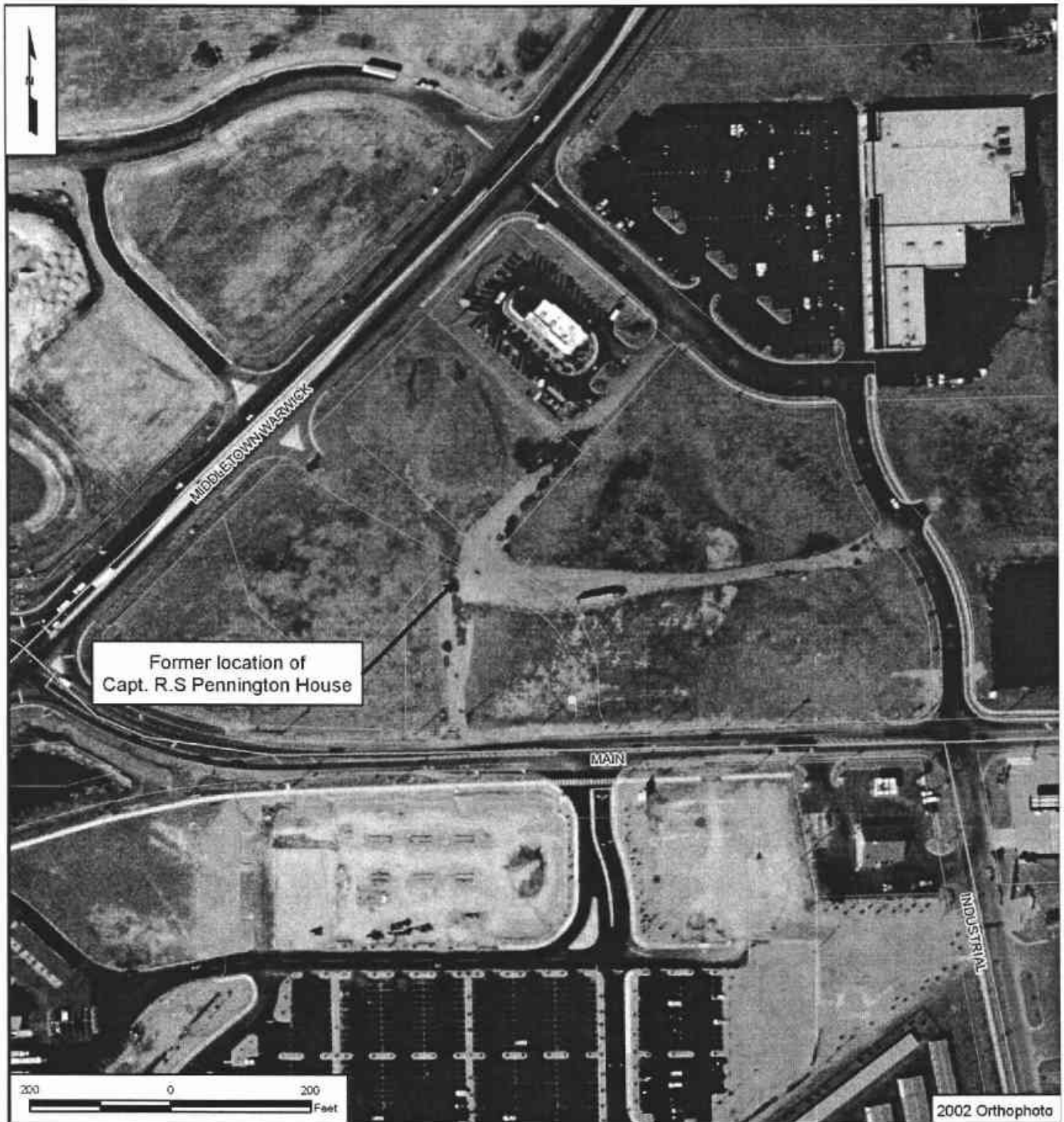
3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. 13311

Name: Lowes Site

Address: South side of Main Street, 500' East of Middletown Warwick Road

Tax Parcel: N/A

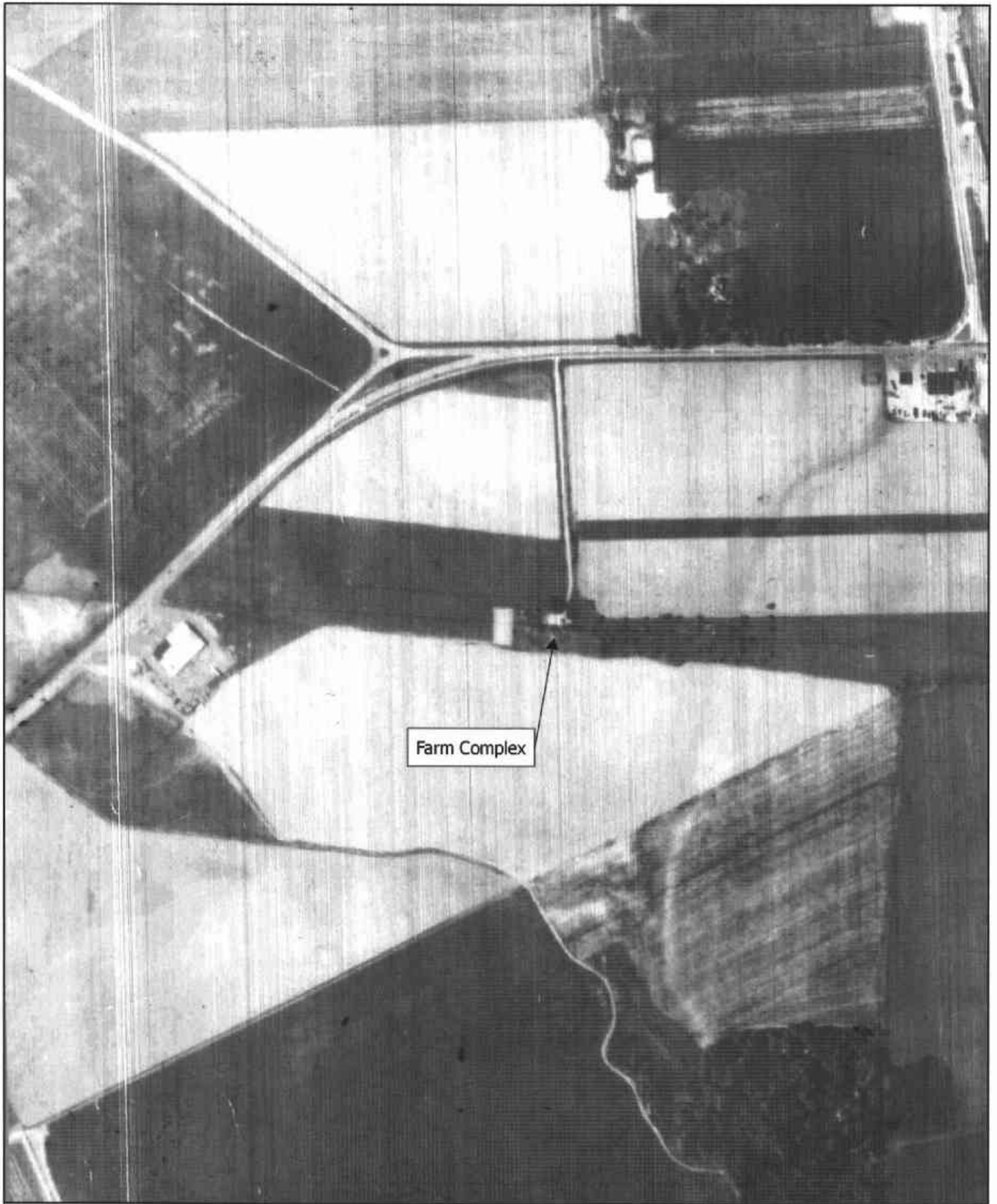
Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1900

Time Period: 1880-1940±, Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

**Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture; Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts
(Residential Architecture)**

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U.S. 301 Project Development
1962 Aerial
Farm Complex - CRS No. N13311





CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

CRS

N13311.

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Lowes Site
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: South Side of Main Street, 500' East of Middletown Warwick Rd
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ poor ☐ demolished ☒
4. INTEGRITY: Dwelling identified in previous 301 study has been demolished.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Former dwelling has been replaced by a Lowe's Hardware Store.
Modern commercial development is all around.

6. FORMS ADDED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS09	N/A

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Catherine M. Druzak / Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/15/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N13311.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-European Contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paleo-Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Archaic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodland I |
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b) Geographical zone

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Piedmont |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Upper Peninsula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Coastal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban (City of Wilmington) |

c) Historic period theme(s)

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
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MAP FORM**

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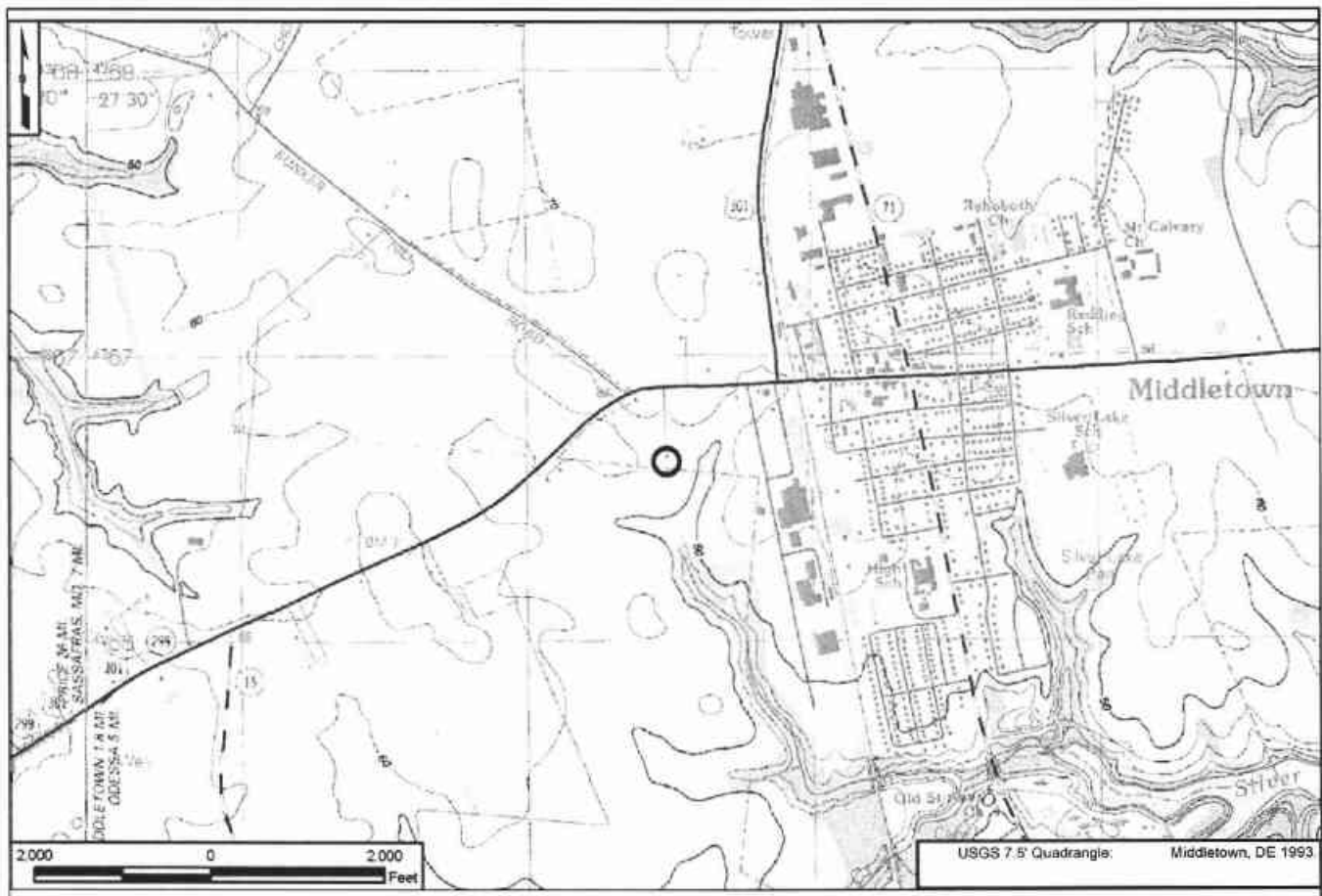
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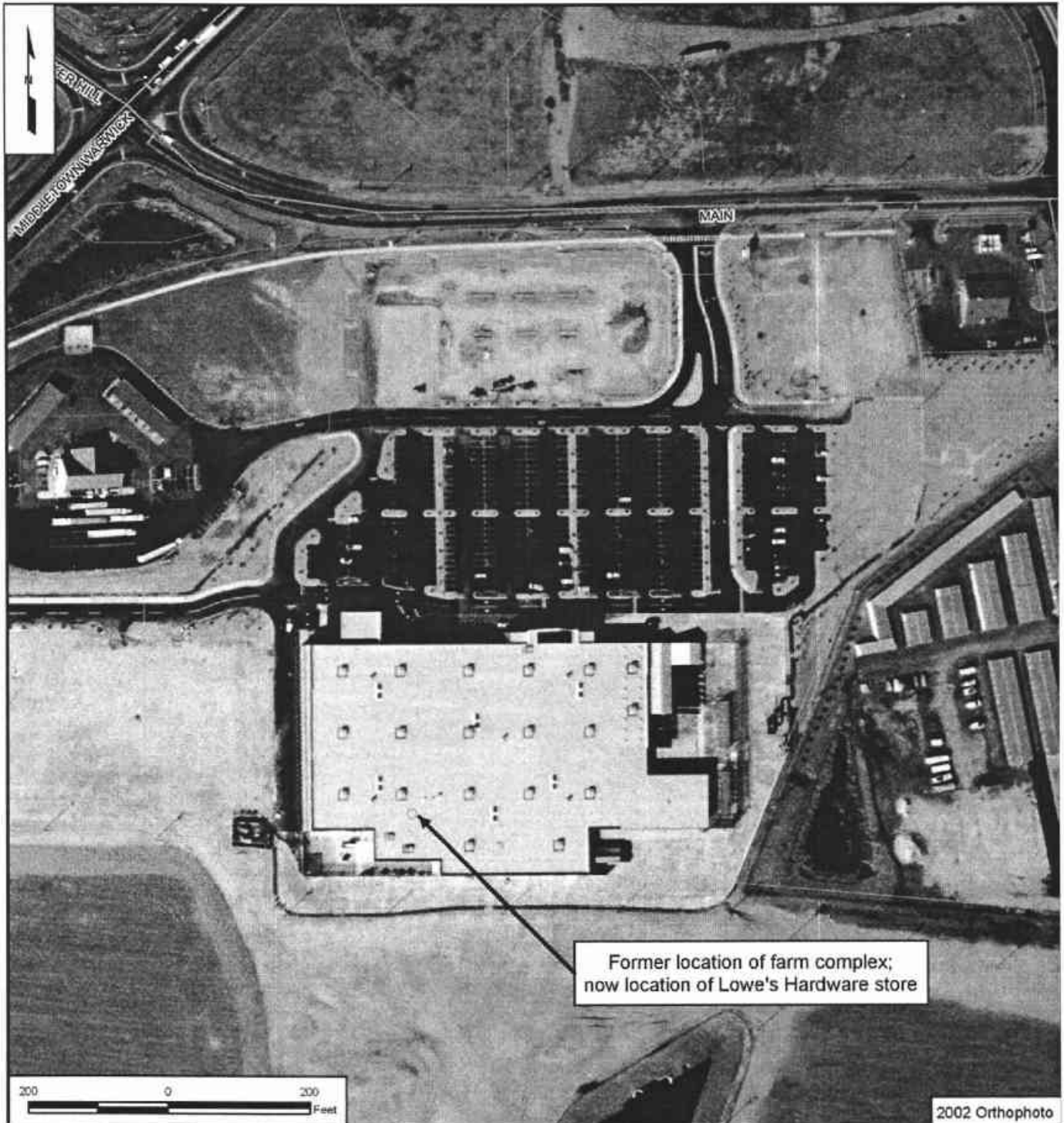
3. LOCATION MAP:

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4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. N013536

**Name: Mt. Pleasant Colored School,
School 119**

Address: 4648 Summit Bridge Road Tax Parcel: 1301200017

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: ca. 1923; ca. 1960

Time Period: 1880-1940±, Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Settlement Patterns and Demographic Change (African-American History and Culture)

Description

This former schoolhouse, now used as a dwelling, is located on a 2.12-acre lot on the west side of Summit Bridge Road and on the south side of Old Schoolhouse Road, between the community of Mt. Pleasant on the north and Armstrong Corner on the south. The resource consists of a one story, frame building with a side gable roof. The house is vinyl-clad and rests on a concrete block foundation. The main entrance is an off-center door at the east elevation. A former porch at the north gable end has been enclosed. A one-story enclosed porch is attached to the northeast corner. A comparison of the current conditions to historic conditions reveals that all of the windows are replacements and that the eaves have been encased in modern materials.

Historical Narrative

In 1882, John and Jennie Armbruster of Camden, New Jersey, sold to David Warren of New Castle County, 231 acres in St. Georges Hundred (New Castle County Deed Book F12:56). A structure already appears on the property at this time, but is not labeled; a school house may have been present at this time (1881 Hopkins Atlas). David Warren passed away in 1885, leaving the land to his wife Sarah and son James. Sarah departed this earth in 1907 and James in 1922, who had devised the property to his wife, Oka Warren (New Castle County Deed Book D31:284).

In 1922, the widow Oka Warren, sold two acres of her land in St. Georges Hundred to John P. Nields of Wilmington, for \$650 (New Castle County Deed Book D31:284). In 1923, the State Board of Education bought "two (2) lots or pieces of land with the school building thereon erected" from John and Mary Nields, then residing in Wilmington, for \$1.00 (New Castle County Deed Book S31:248). One lot, in St. Georges Hundred, was measured at two acres; the other lot was in Appoquinimink Hundred. A school building in St. Georges Hundred is shown as the "Mt. Pleasant Col Sch. 119" in this vicinity on the 1919 Mueller map; however, this was apparently an earlier school. The extant building, which is much larger and was apparently built to replace the earlier school, is depicted in another photograph in the State Board of Education Photograph Collection (Photograph No. 394), and taken on January 30, 1923. This school is also depicted in Skelcher's book on African-American education (Skelcher 1995b:78). Skelcher indicates that the DuPont schools were typically located at the center of the African-American population with the intention of improving school attendance; this seems to indicate that an African American community was centered around this former DuPont school near the intersection of Old Schoolhouse Road and U.S. 301 (Skelcher 1995a:22).

On January 8, 1959, the State Board of Education sold the parcel in St. Georges Hundred to Corbit Collins and Inez Collins, his wife, for \$2,600; at this time it was measured at 2.5 acres (New Castle County Deed Book W63:468). In May of 1959, Corbit and Inez Collins sold the 2.5

acres to Walter Money and his wife, Helen (New Castle County Deed Book W63:1). On September 15, 1959, Walter and Helen Money sold the 2.5-acre lot to Isaiah Smith and his wife, Florence Smith, for \$4,000 (New Castle County Deed Book K65:524). In 1976, the widow Florence Smith sold the property to herself for life and to her children: Alice M. Golberry, Viola Frisby, Dolly Brown, Florence Mitchell, Isaiah Smith, and Ida Smith (New Castle County Deed Book T95:3). The 2.5-acre property was sold for \$5.00. Florence Smith owns the property today, 2005.

National Register Evaluation

The property at 4648 Summit Bridge Road was evaluated as part of an African-American Rural Community as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). The property at 4648 Summit Bridge Road was previously documented in the 2004 Woodstock Cell Tower Report (Rotenstein 2004). As part of the U.S. 301 study, the property was revisited and examined in order to update the documentation. Since no CRS forms were prepared as part of the cell tower survey, a CRS 10 update form and a CRS 2 form were done for this study. This resource has not changed since the 2004 survey was conducted. The property owner requested that the associated parcel not be accessed, so survey work was undertaken from the public right-of-way.

This is an altered example of one of the schools built during the DuPont campaign. As noted in the context, to be individually eligible, DuPont schools should retain Colonial Revival details, banked, nine-over-nine awning windows; evidence of wood-shingle siding, deep cornices with gable returns; and pedimented porticos if historically present (Skelcher 1995b). With the exception of some of the cornice returns, these important features are absent at this property. Furthermore, a one-story, flat-roofed entrance has been added to the northeast corner of the building altering the form of the building. A comparison of the current appearance of the building with a historic photograph indicates the dwelling has experienced a significant loss of integrity of materials and design from the period of use as an African-American school. Compared to the State Board of Education 1923 photograph, the sheltered gable-end entry porch has been enclosed and the fenestration on all visible facades has been altered (http://www.state.de.us/sos/dpa/exhibits/photograph/boe/new_castle/boe_new_castle-35.shtml#TopOfPage). The property no longer retains integrity of design and materials; thus, is not eligible for the National Register under Criteria C.

Better preserved examples of African-American DuPont era schools, including a few that remain in proximity to the earlier school that they replaced, exist in Delaware, so the property is not eligible under Criterion A for trends in education. The property has no known associations with persons who were historically important to the development of the African-American community; thus, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. With regards to Criterion D, the property does not appear to have the potential to yield information about the African American community. Due to lack of integrity, the property is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

The property at 4648 Summit Bridge Road was also evaluated as part of an African-American Rural Community as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). The property at 4648 Summit Bridge Road historically

served as a school for African Americans. It has since been converted into a private residence. The African-American Rural Community within the U.S. 301 APE was initially based on the location of proximity to work on farms and later on the industry that was located along the railway. The school and churches were erected in close proximity to existing enclaves and served as community centers as long as the African-American population continued to reside in the area. Today, the community lacks sufficient integrity to be considered eligible under Criterion A in the areas of community development, ethnic heritage, and agriculture due to a loss of numerous African-American resources once located along present-day U.S. 301 between the south side of Summit Bridge and the north side of Middletown. Lost African-American resources include numerous dwellings and tenant houses, community centers (two A.M.E. churches and the pre-DuPont school), and the industries in which local African Americans worked, such as Crother's Granary and the cannery at Armstrong Corner. In regards to Criterion B, background research revealed no association with notable African Americans of historical importance. The community lacks significant cohesion, therefore the community is not eligible under Criterion C. Finally, under Criterion D, based on the background research conducted for this study the community does not appear to have the potential to convey new information about a topic related to local African-American history, including agricultural tenancy, industrial labor, and social life and is not eligible. For additional information on the evaluation of the African-American Rural Community in the U.S. 301 Development Project APE, please consult the Determination of Eligibility Report.

CRS No. N13536



N14536. Photograph 1: 1923 Photograph of the Mt. Pleasant Colored School.

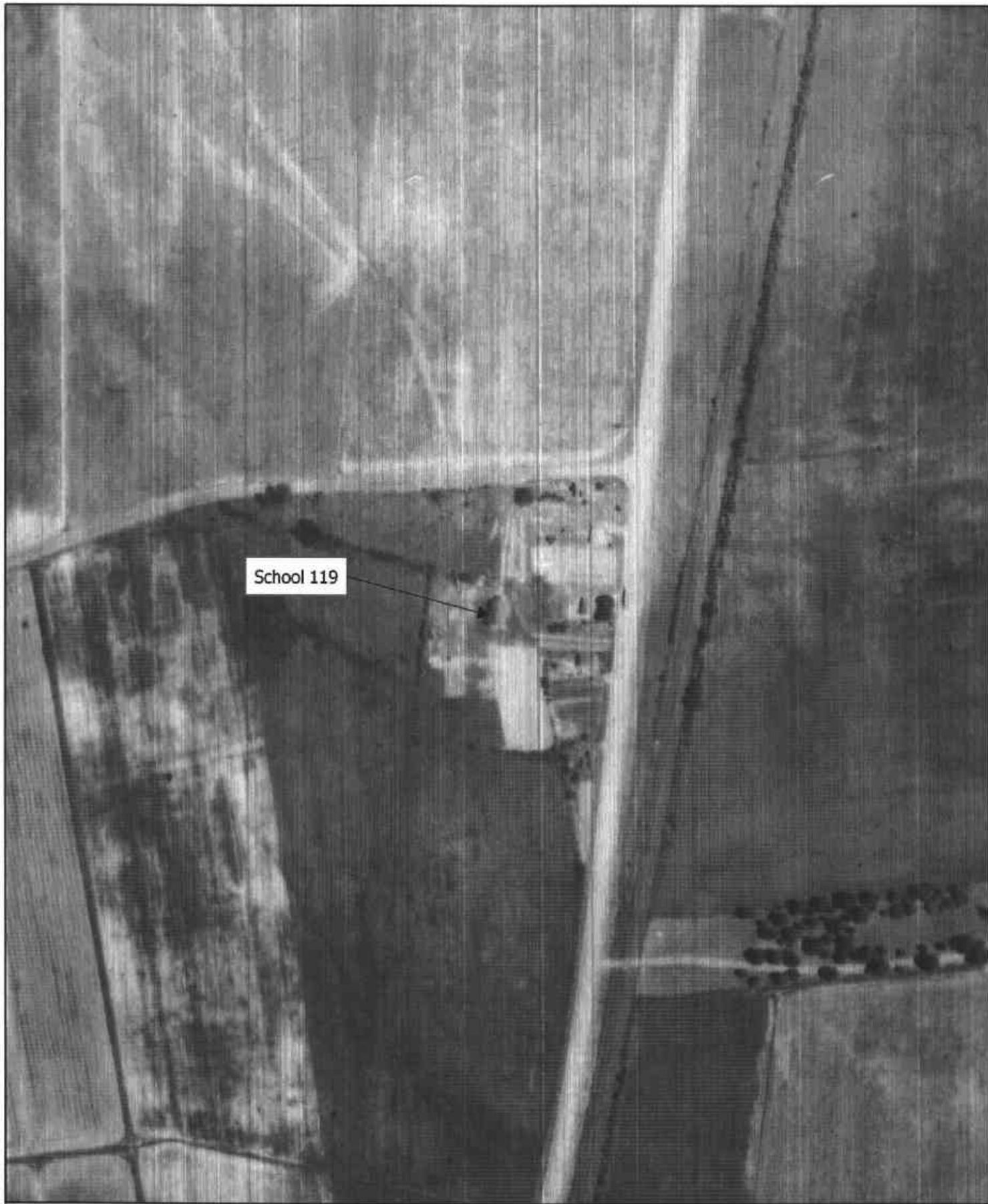
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N013536. Photograph 2: View looking west, showing east and south elevations. Note flat-roofed, one-story addition to the building on the right of the photograph. All the original school building fenestration on these elevations has been removed.



N013536. Photograph 3: View looking south from Old School House Road, showing north elevation with one-story addition to left of photo. The enclosed entrance near the center of the photograph was originally an open porch entrance to the school that was supported by circular columns.



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U.S. 301 Project Development
1962 Aerial
Mt. Pleasant Colored School - CRS No. N13536



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

CRS

N13536.

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Mt. Pleasant Colored School, School 119
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 4648 Summit Bridge Rd
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☒ poor ☐ demolished ☐
4. INTEGRITY: No Previous CRS form available for comparison.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: No Previous CRS form available for comparison.

6. FORMS ADDED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS02	Dwelling
1	CRS09	N/A

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Lauren Archibald / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/4/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N13536.

Property not accessible during intensive level survey.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-European Contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Paleo-Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Archaic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodland I |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Woodland II |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl |

b) Geographical zone

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Piedmont |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Upper Peninsula |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Coastal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban (City of Wilmington) |

c) Historic period theme(s)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N13536

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 4648 Summit Bridge Road
2. FUNCTION(S): historic School current Dwelling
3. YEAR BUILT: 1923 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular/vernacular
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

<u>if moved, from where</u>	<u>other location's CRS #</u>	<u>year</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u>		<u>year</u>
<u>a. Gable-end entry porch removed</u>		<u>unk.</u>
<u>b. Enclosed porch on NE corner</u>		<u>unk.</u>
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
 - a. Overall shape: Rectangular with small ell Stories: 1
Additions: Enclosed entrance extends from NE corner
 - b. Structural system (if known): Frame
 - c. Foundation: materials: Concrete block
basement: full ☐ partial ☐ not visible ☒ no basement ☐
 - d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Vinyl
 - e. Roof: shape: Side Gable
materials: Asphalt shingles
cornice: Vinyl
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): (1) Interior, north end, brick
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
 - a. Facade: Direction: E
 - 1) Bays 5
 - 2) Windows 5
fenestration Irregular
type 1 Chicago-style picture window; 2/2 DHS
trim Vinyl
shutters Louvered, fixed

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) **Door(s)** 2
 location Off center and on corner entrance
 type Single, flush; with storm/screen doors
 trim Vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

b. Side: Direction: S

- 1) **Bays** 2
- 2) **Windows** 2
 fenestration Regular
 type 1/1 DHS
 trim Vinyl
 shutters Louvered, fixed
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

c. Side: Direction: N

- 1) **Bays** 5
- 2) **Windows**
 fenestration Irregular
 type 1/1 DHS
 trim Vinyl
 shutters (1) set of louvered, vinyl, fixed
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

d. Rear: Direction: W

- 1) **Bays** Not visible
- 2) **Windows** Not visible
 fenestration Not visible
 type Not visible
 trim Not visible
 shutters Not visible
- 3) **Door(s)** Not visible
 location Not visible
 type Not visible
 trim Not visible
- 4) **Porch(es)** Not visible

9. **INTERIOR:** Not accessible

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Not accessible

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** Owner did not grant permission to survey property.



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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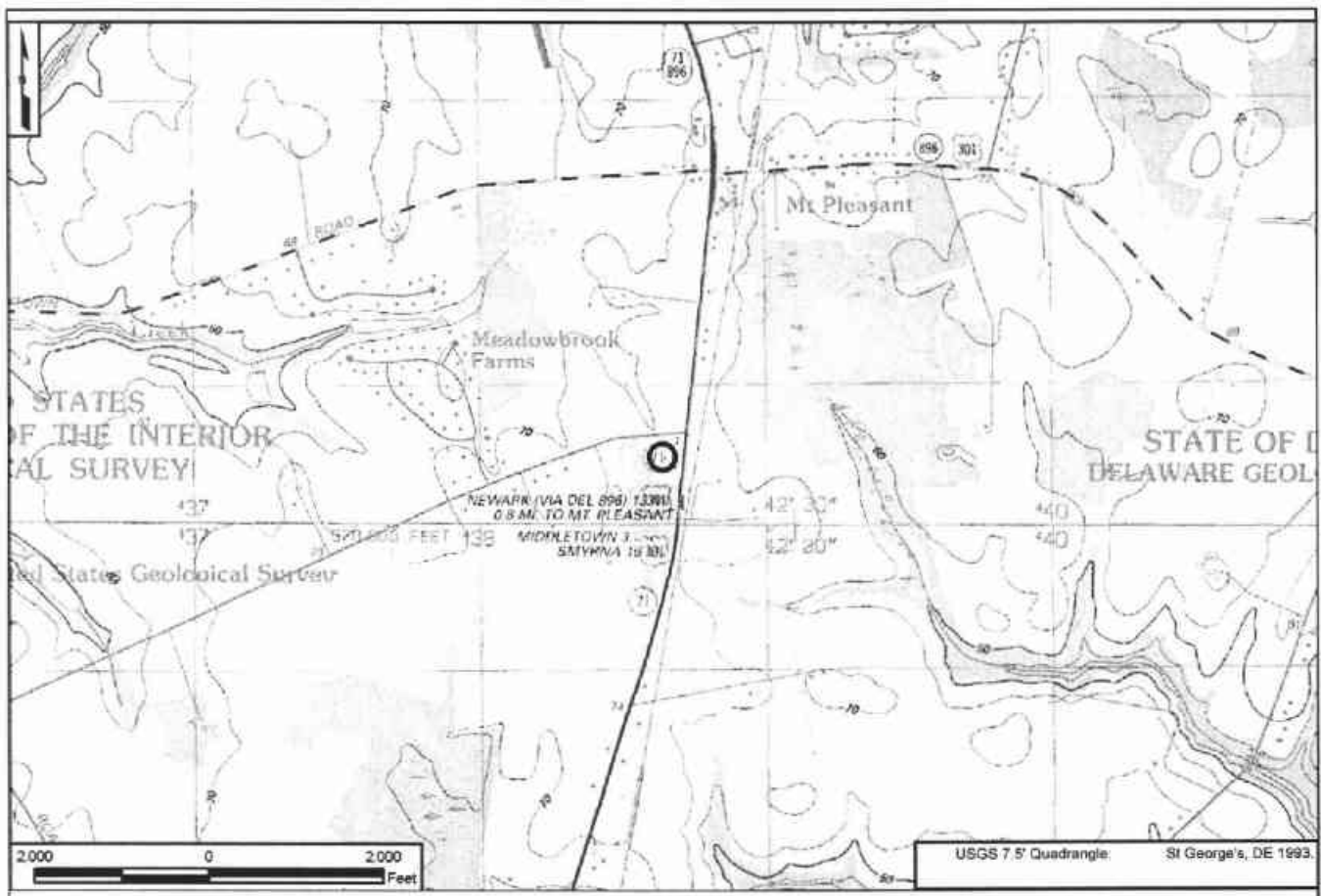
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2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:

CRS No. N13607

Address: 500 N. Cass Street

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: 1957; ca. 1970

Time Period: 1940-1960±, Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Government/Defense

Name: Sgt. William Nelson Armory

Tax Parcel: 2300500006

Description

This property is located on the west side of Cass Street in Middletown; the Delaware Railroad runs along the rear of the property to the west. This part of Middletown is characterized by several light industrial and/or commercial facilities on both sides of Cass Street. It consists of a brick-veneer two-story main building (1957) with additions (ca. 1970) and two small storage buildings (ca. 1960 and ca. 1970) to the south. There is a grassed lawn in front of the building and a fenced-in parking lot is found behind the building to the west. Trailers and National Guard vehicles are stored in the rear lot area.

The main building has an overall T shape, with the main two-story office section on the east side of the structure facing Cass Street. This main block is connected by a one-story hyphen to a larger training facility (ca. 1970) in the rear, or west portion of the building. The walls of the armory are brick, common bond at the exterior. At the façade or east elevation there are seven bays, with a central, double-door entrance.

Windows on the façade consist primarily of two-pane (side-by-side, sliding type) windows, with a bank of one-over-one, paired windows on the north half of the building. The 1957 drawings for the windows depict one-over-one windows at most of the façade, with the exception of the bank of windows on the first story.

Historical Narrative

The Delaware National Guard armory building at 500 North Cass Street was built in 1957. The parcel had been previously owned by the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Delaware. In March 1951, the church sold two lots to the Mayor and Council of Middletown for \$2,000 (New Castle County Deed Book B51:264). This deed states that 'Lot No.2,' which is on the west side of Cass Street, "...is to be conveyed by the Mayor and Council of Middletown to the State of Delaware for use of the National Guard." In May 1951, the Mayor and Council of Middletown transferred ownership of the property to the State of Delaware for use by the National Guard for one dollar (New Castle County Deed Book T50:581).

According to historic research on this property conducted by Thomas E. Jones (Jones 1995), this armory was designed by Thomas M. Donahue, an architect from Marshalltown, Delaware. The armory was built in 1957 and dedicated to Sgt. William L. Nelson on September 21 of that year. Sgt. William L. Nelson, of the 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, was honored for his work in World War II.

National Register Evaluation

The William Lloyd Nelson Armory was previously surveyed by Thomas E. Jones in 1995 (Jones 1995). The survey stated that the property could not be considered eligible because it was less

than 50 years of age. As part of the U.S. 301 study, the property was revisited in order to update the documentation and to provide a National Register eligibility assessment. Since no CRS 2 or 3 forms were prepared previously, a CRS 2 form was prepared for this survey for the armory building and CRS 3 forms were prepared for the two small storage buildings.

The property 500 N. Cass Street was evaluated as a Government property as identified in the *Delaware Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan* (Ames et al. 1989). As noted by Jones, “the general design of the armory follows strict cost and design principles of military buildings requiring simplicity and efficiency” (Jones 1995:n.p.). This building appears to be a standard T-plan armory that was typical of the post World War II period from 1945 to 1960. Better-preserved examples of armories exist elsewhere in Delaware. Thus, the property is not eligible under Criterion A in the area of government. The building is an example of a typical standard T-plan armory that lacks some integrity of design due to alterations in fenestration patterns at the façade and additions to the rear elevation; thus, it is not eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture. Although named for Sgt. William L. Nelson, the armory’s architect, Thomas M. Donahue, is not associated with important trends in government architecture; therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. Under Criterion D, the property does not appear to have the potential to yield information about mid-twentieth century government building techniques.

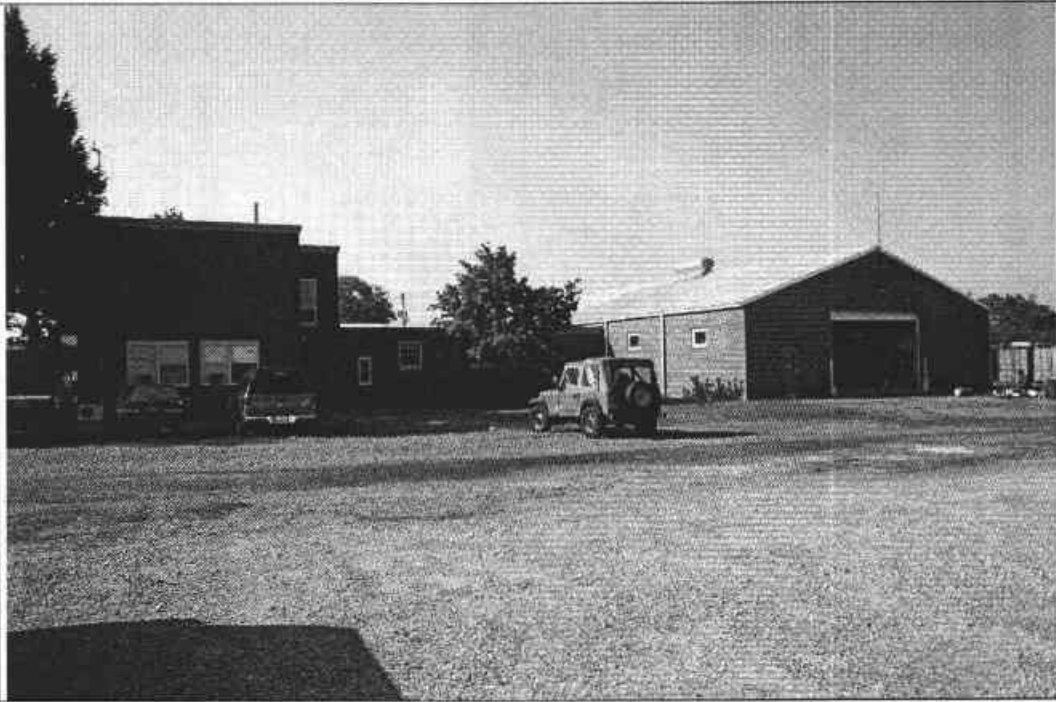


N13607. Photograph 1. Overview of façade, looking west. Note replaced windows throughout this elevation.

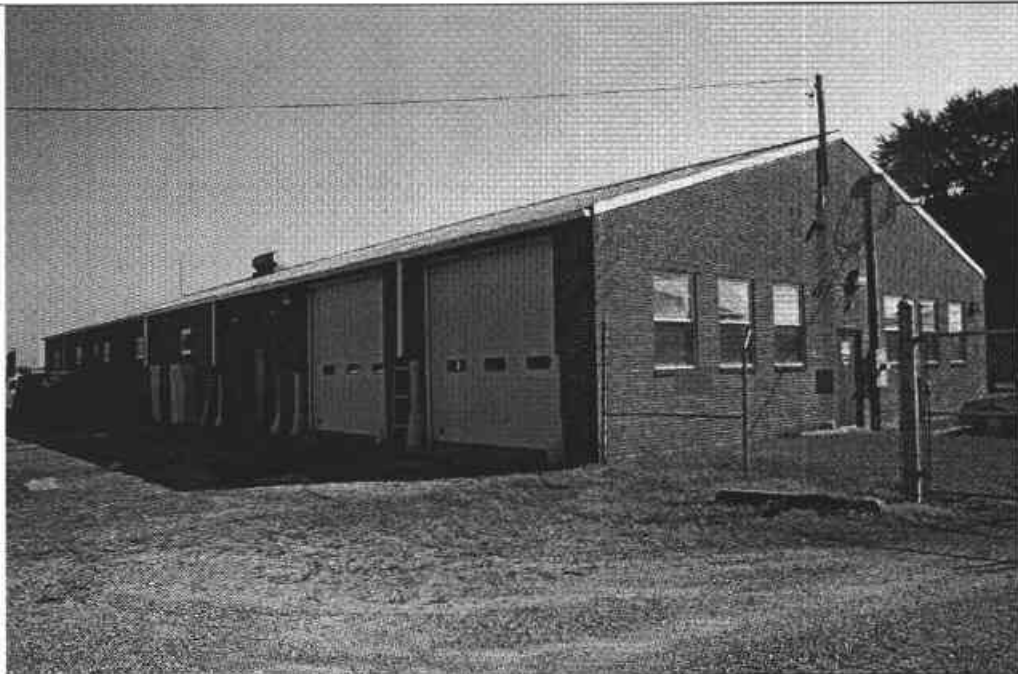


N13607. Photograph 2. South elevation of training facility, looking northeast. Note replaced windows.

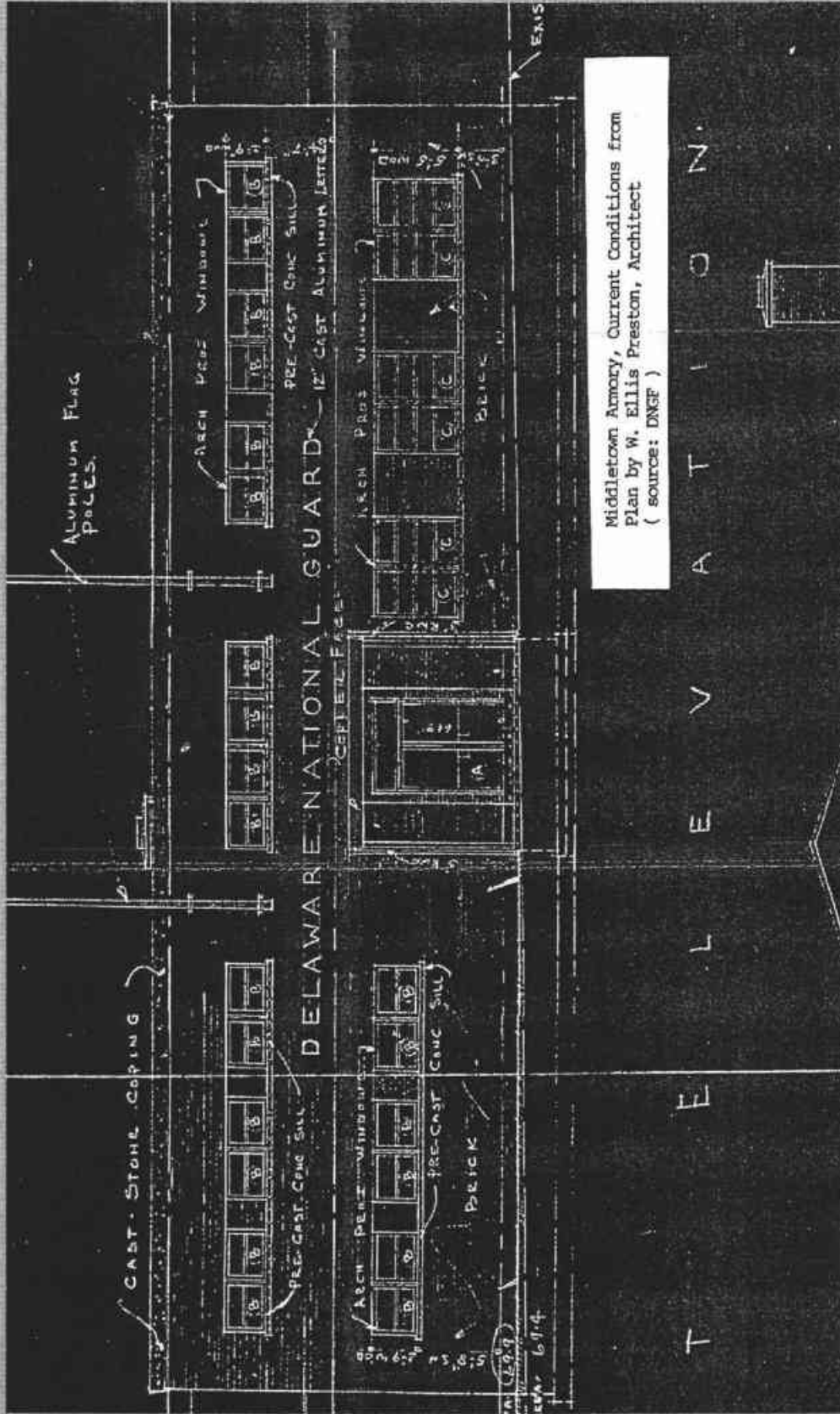
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N13607. Photograph 3. North elevation, looking south at main block, hyphen, and training facility addition. Note replaced windows.



N13607. Photograph 4. West elevation of training facility, looking northeast. Note modern overhead garage doors.



Middletown Armory, Current Conditions from
 Plan by W. Ellis Preston, Architect
 (source: DNGF)



U.S. 301 Project Development
 Historic Context and Accommodation Survey Report



Facade Plan ca. 1957
 Sgt. William Nelson Armory
 U.S. 301 Project Development
 New Castle County, Delaware



DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CRS

N13607.

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Sgt. William Nelson Armory
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 500 N Cass St
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☒ good ☐ fair ☐ poor ☐ demolished ☐
4. INTEGRITY: No Previous CRS form available for comparison.
5. SETTING INTEGRITY: No Previous CRS form available for comparison.

6. FORMS ADDED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS02	Armory
2	CRS03	Storage Shed 1, Storage Shed 2
1	CRS09	N/A

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Lauren Archibald / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/18/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N13607.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II
- ☐ 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☐ 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☒ 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- ☐ 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N13607.01

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 500 North Cass Street
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Armory current Armory
3. YEAR BUILT: 1957 CIRCA?: _____ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Thomas M. Donahue
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: Modernist/military building
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved _____
- | <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>other location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| <u>a. Rear addition</u> | | <u>1970</u> |
| <u>b. N/A</u> | | <u>N/A</u> |
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent _____ good ☒ fair _____ poor _____
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
- a. Overall shape: H-shape; main block with perpendicular wing attached with hyphen Stories: 2
Additions: Rear linear addition; perpendicular
- b. Structural system (if known): Brick/common bond
- c. Foundation: materials: Poured concrete
basement: full _____ partial _____ not visible ☒ no basement
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): Brick
- e. Roof: shape: Flat on front section; gable on rear
materials: Corrugated metal on rear section (front not visible)
cornice: Concrete
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): 1, off center
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: Direction: E
- 1) Bays 7
- 2) Windows 6- 1st floor; 7- 2nd floor; 2 on each S & N rear section
fenestration Irregular
type 1st fl: 1-pane (awning) windows; paired on S end and 2/2 paired on N end; 2nd
fl: 1-pane, paired awning windows; 4-pane window near center
trim Vinyl with concrete sills, brick sills on rear section
shutters N/A

Facade (cont'd)

- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location Center
 type Double pedestrian; solid panel with small window; one-pane transom light
 trim Concrete sills
- 4) **Porch(es)** Small porch with concrete deck and flat roof; small metal columns
- b. **Side: Direction: S**
- 1) **Bays** 1 on main block; 5 on hyphen; 8 on rear wing
- 2) **Windows** 13
 fenestration Irregular
 type 3-pane fixed on main block; 1/1 on hyphen
 trim Vinyl with concrete sills
 shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location On hyphen
 type 3-pane fixed on main block; 1/1 on hyphen
 trim Metal
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A
- c. **Side: Direction: N**
- 1) **Bays** 8
- 2) **Windows** 7
 fenestration Irregular
 type 1/1 fixed and paired on main block; 1/1 (small & large) on hyphen
 trim Vinyl with concrete sills
 shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location On west
 type Garage, overhead
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A
- d. **Rear: Direction: W**
- 1) **Bays** 8
- 2) **Windows** 5
 fenestration Regular
 type Fixed, 1-pane
 trim Vinyl, with brick sills
 shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 3
 location Toward S end
 type Replaced overhead garage doors; 1 pedestrian door
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A

9. **INTERIOR:** Not accessible

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Some grassed lawn in front; some trees and flowering plants along front perimeter

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** Rear fenced in yard/lot; with parked vehicles temporary trailers in rear for storage (modern)



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N13607.02

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 500 North Cass Street
2. FUNCTION(S): historic Storage Shed #1 current Storage Shed #1
3. YEAR BUILT: 1960 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: Rectangular
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved
- | <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>original location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| <u>a. N/A</u> | | <u>N/A</u> |
| <u>b. N/A</u> | | <u>N/A</u> |
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair ☒ poor
7. DESCRIPTION:
- a. Structural system Metal walls on metal frame
- b. Number of stories 1
- c. Wall coverings Metal frame bracing
- d. Foundation On concrete pad
- e. Roof
 structural system Side gable
 coverings Metal frame bracing
 openings N/A
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: direction: N
- 1) bays: 1
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 1, pedestrian; near center
- 4) other: N/A

b. Side: direction: W

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

c. Side: direction: E

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

d. Rear: direction: S

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: 0
- 3) door(s): 0
- 4) other: N/A

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):

a) Floor plan Not accessible

b) Partition/walls Not accessible

c) Finishes Not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery Not accessible



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
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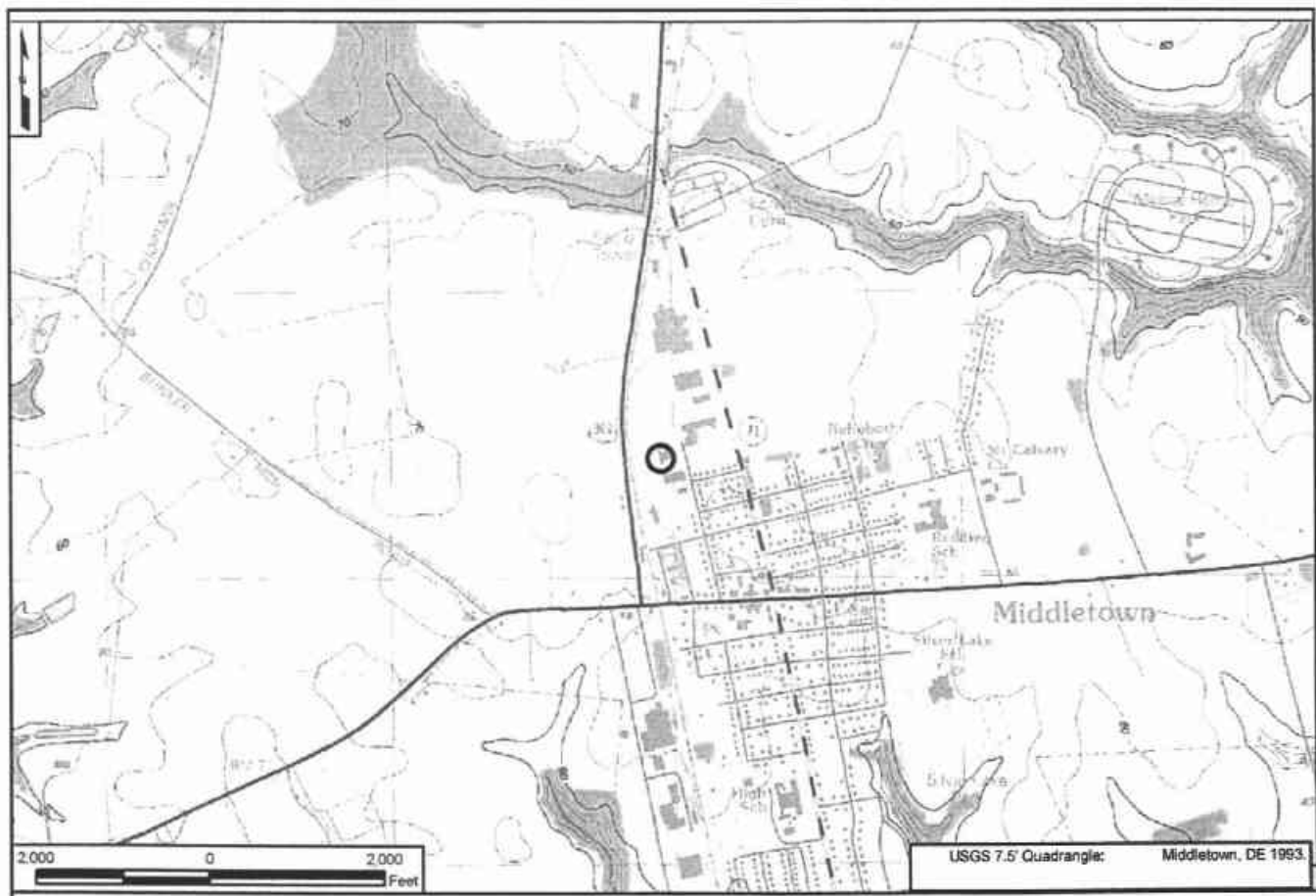
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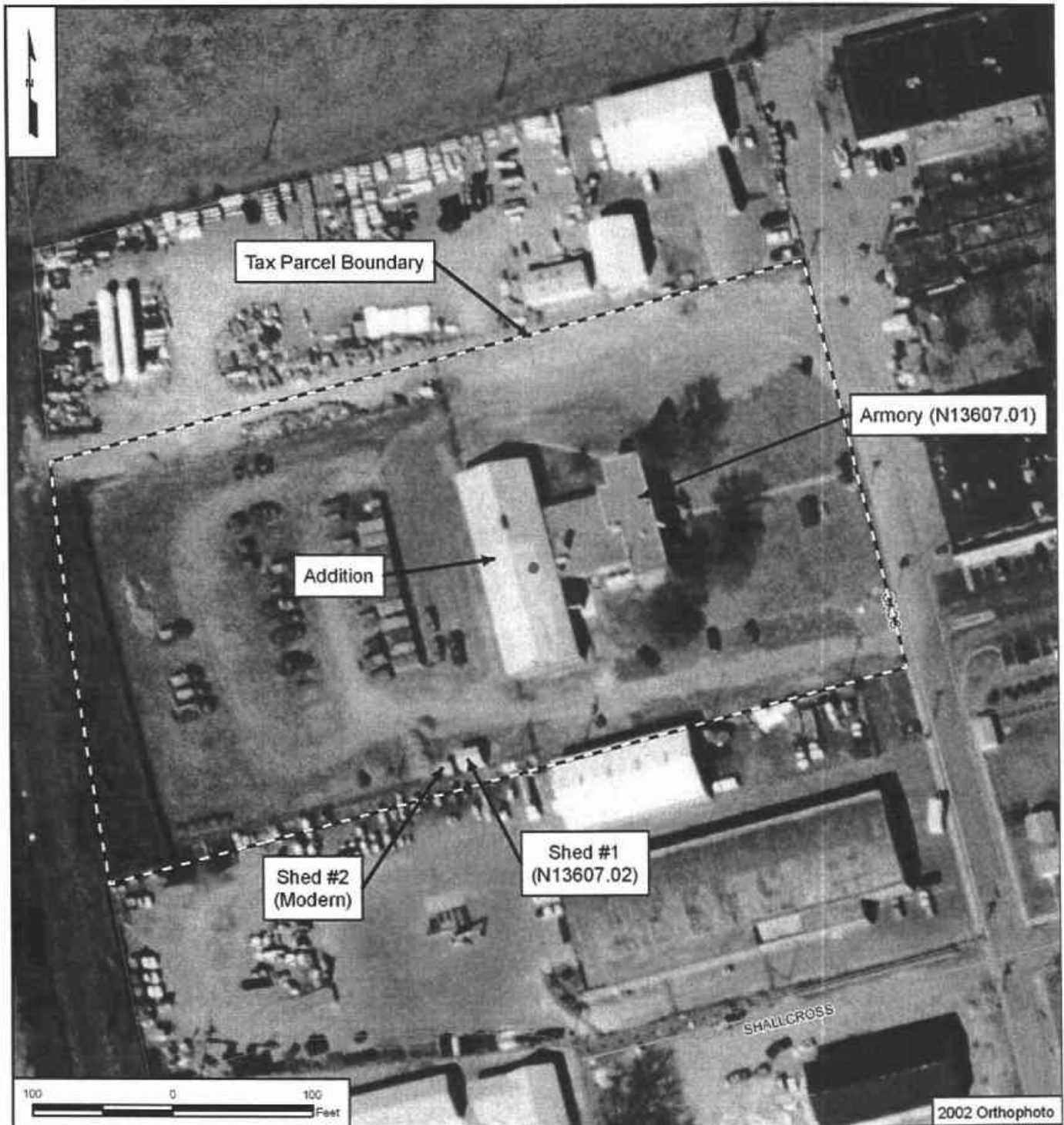
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(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. 14080

Name: Sharp Farm

Address: 1506 Bohemia Mill Road

Tax Parcel: 2300500006

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: ca. 1941; ca. 1970

Time Period: 1940-1960±, Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization; 1960-2000±, Deurbanization and Sprawl

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture; Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture)

This property was determined not eligible as part of the Choptank Road Study in 2002. The property was revisited as part of the current U.S. 301 study and no major changes were noted, so it remains not eligible for listing in the National Register. A CRS 10 Survey Update Form was completed as part of this survey.



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM**

DELAWARE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
15 THE GREEN, DOVER, DE 19901

CRS

N14080.

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Sharp Farm
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1506 Bohemia Mill Rd
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐ demolished ☐
4. INTEGRITY: All buildings identified in 2002 survey are intact. No major changes observed.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: The property is accessed by long asphalt drives leading from Choptank and Bohemia Mill Roads. The horse farm has large grazing areas that are fenced and a horse track. The lands are well kept.

6. FORMS ADDED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS09	N/A

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Catherine M. Druzak / Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/16/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N14080.

Determined not eligible as part of the Choptank Road Study in 2002.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

☐ **Pre-European Contact**

☐ **Paleo-Indian**

☐ **Archaic**

☐ **Woodland I**

☐ **Woodland II**

☐ **1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)**

☐ **1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement**

☐ **1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation**

☐ **1770-1830 Early Industrialization**

☐ **1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization**

☐ **1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization**

☒ **1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization**

☒ **1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl**

b) Geographical zone

☐ **Piedmont**

☒ **Upper Peninsula**

☐ **Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp**

☐ **Coastal**

☐ **Urban (City of Wilmington)**

c) Historic period theme(s)

☒ **Agriculture**

☐ **Forestry**

☐ **Trapping/Hunting**

☐ **Mining/Quarrying**

☐ **Fishing/Oystering**

☐ **Manufacturing**

☐ **Retailing/Wholesaling**

☐ **Finance**

☐ **Professional Services**

☐ **Other**

☐ **Transportation and Communication**

☐ **Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes**

☒ **Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts**

☐ **Government**

☐ **Religion**

☐ **Education**

☐ **Community Organizations**

☐ **Occupational Organizations**

☐ **Major Families, Individuals and Events**

☐ **Unknown**



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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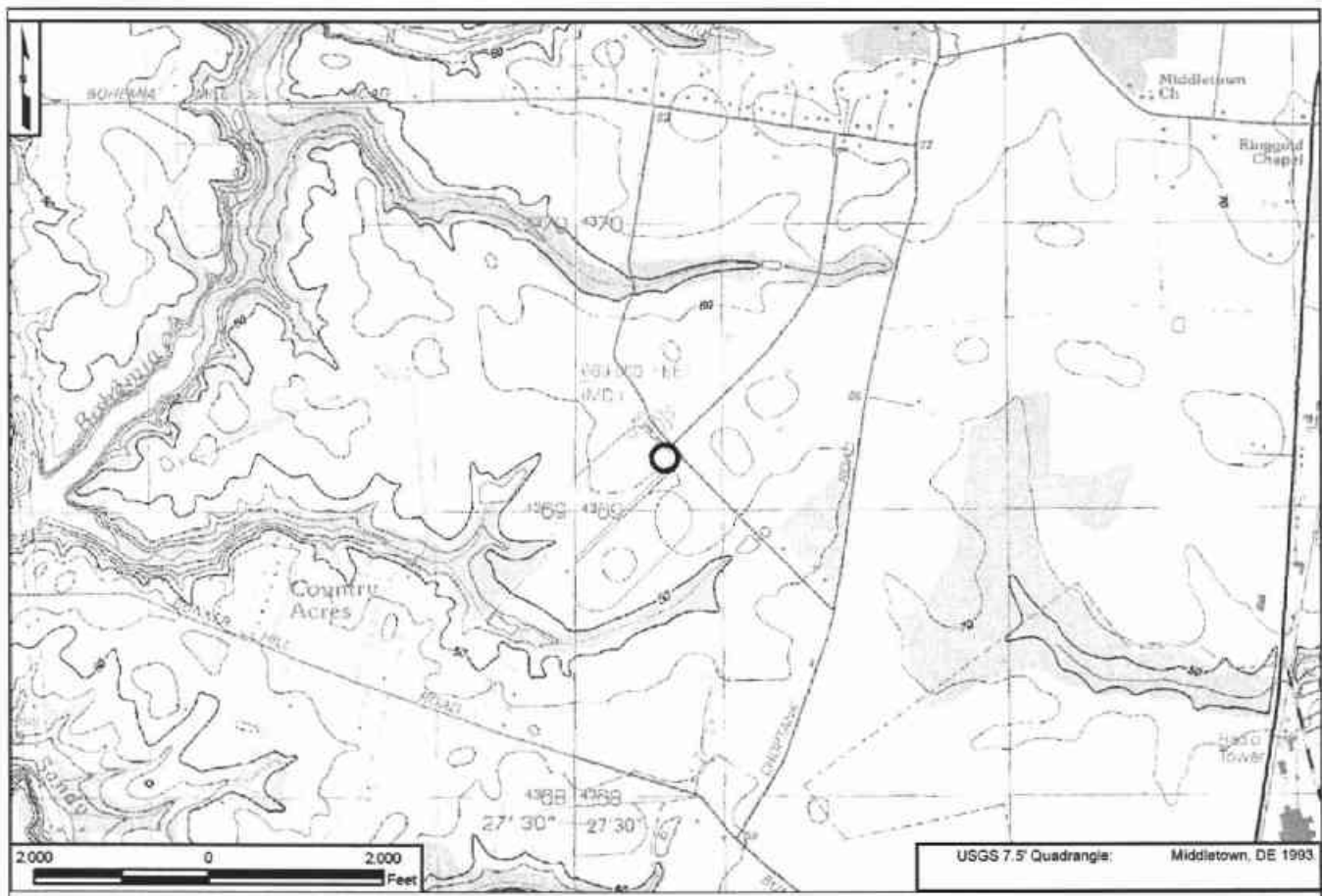
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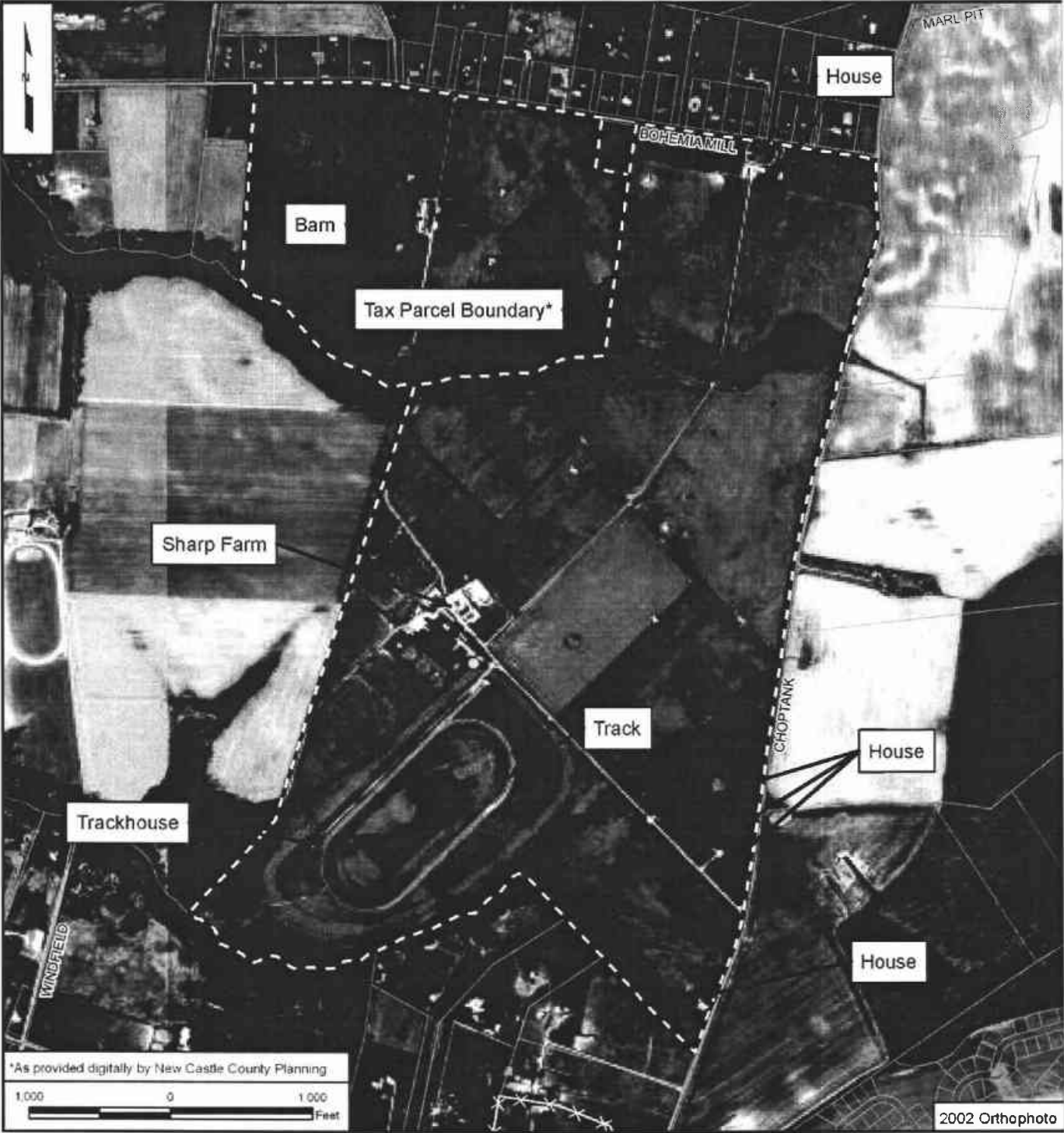
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4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. 14081

Address: 1706 Choptank Road

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: ca. 1950

Time Period: 1940-1960±, Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture)

Name: Dwelling, 1706 Choptank Road

Tax Parcel: 2300500006

This property was determined not eligible as part of the Choptank Road Study in 2002. The property was revisited as part of the current U.S. 301 study and no major changes were noted, so it remains not eligible for listing in the National Register. A CRS 10 Survey Update Form was completed as part of this survey.



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CRS

N14081.

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Dwelling, 1706 Choptank Rd
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1706 Choptank Rd
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐ demolished ☐
4. INTEGRITY: No noticeable changes since 2002 survey.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Located along the east side of Choptank Rd. Mid-twentieth dwellings to north and south. Modern residential development to west. Modern stables to southwest.

6. FORMS ADDED:

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7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Catherine M. Dluzak / Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/15/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N14081.

Determined not eligible as part of the Choptank Road Study in 2002.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II
- ☐ 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☐ 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☒ 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- ☐ 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

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MAP FORM**

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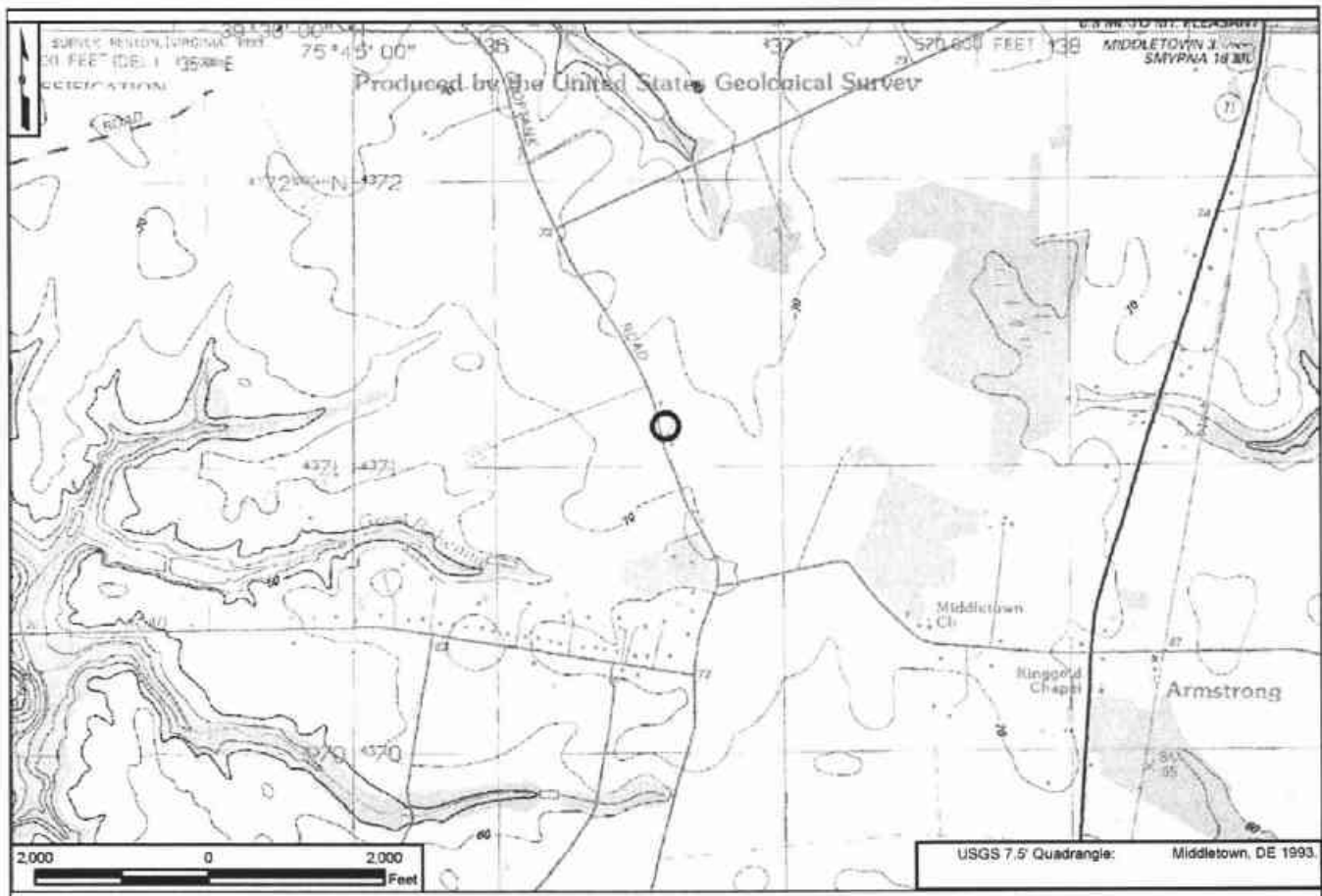
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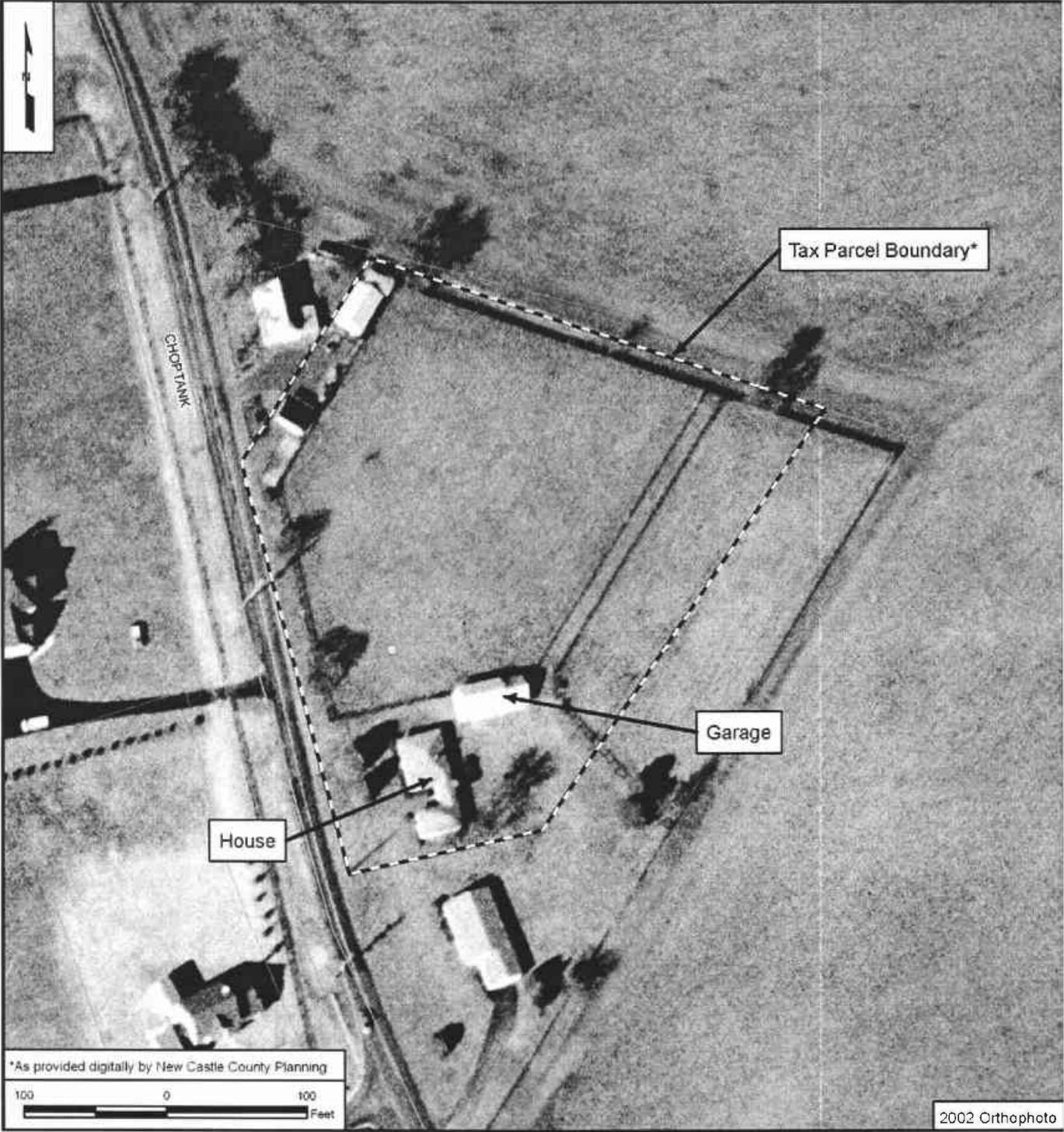
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4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. 14082

Address: 1692 Choptank Road

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: ca. 1952

Time Period: 1940-1960±, Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture)

Name: Dwelling, 1692 Choptank Road

Tax Parcel: 2300500006

This property was determined not eligible as part of the Choptank Road Study in 2002. The property was revisited as part of the current U.S. 301 study and no major changes were noted, so it remains not eligible for listing in the National Register. A CRS 10 Survey Update Form was completed as part of this survey.



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CRS

N14082.

CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SURVEY UPDATE FORM

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Dwelling, 1692 Choptank Rd
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1692 Choptank Rd
3. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐ demolished ☐
4. INTEGRITY: No noticeable changes since 2002 survey.

5. SETTING INTEGRITY: Located on a triangular parcel along the east side of Choptank Rd. Modern residential development to west. Agricultural fields to north and east. Mid-twentieth century dwellings to south.

6. FORMS ADDED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS09	N/A

7. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Catherine M. Dluzak / Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: *Barbara M. Copp*

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 8/15/2005

8. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N14082.

Determined not eligible as part of the Choptank Road Study in 2002.

9. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

☐ Pre-European Contact

☐ Paleo-Indian

☐ Archaic

☐ Woodland I

☐ Woodland II

☐ 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)

☐ 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement

☐ 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation

☐ 1770-1830 Early Industrialization

☐ 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization

☐ 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization

☒ 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

☐ 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

☐ Piedmont

☒ Upper Peninsula

☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp

☐ Coastal

☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

☐ Agriculture

☐ Forestry

☐ Trapping/Hunting

☐ Mining/Quarrying

☐ Fishing/Oystering

☐ Manufacturing

☐ Retailing/Wholesaling

☐ Finance

☐ Professional Services

☐ Other

☐ Transportation and Communication

☒ Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes

☒ Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts

☐ Government

☐ Religion

☐ Education

☐ Community Organizations

☐ Occupational Organizations

☐ Major Families, Individuals and Events

☐ Unknown



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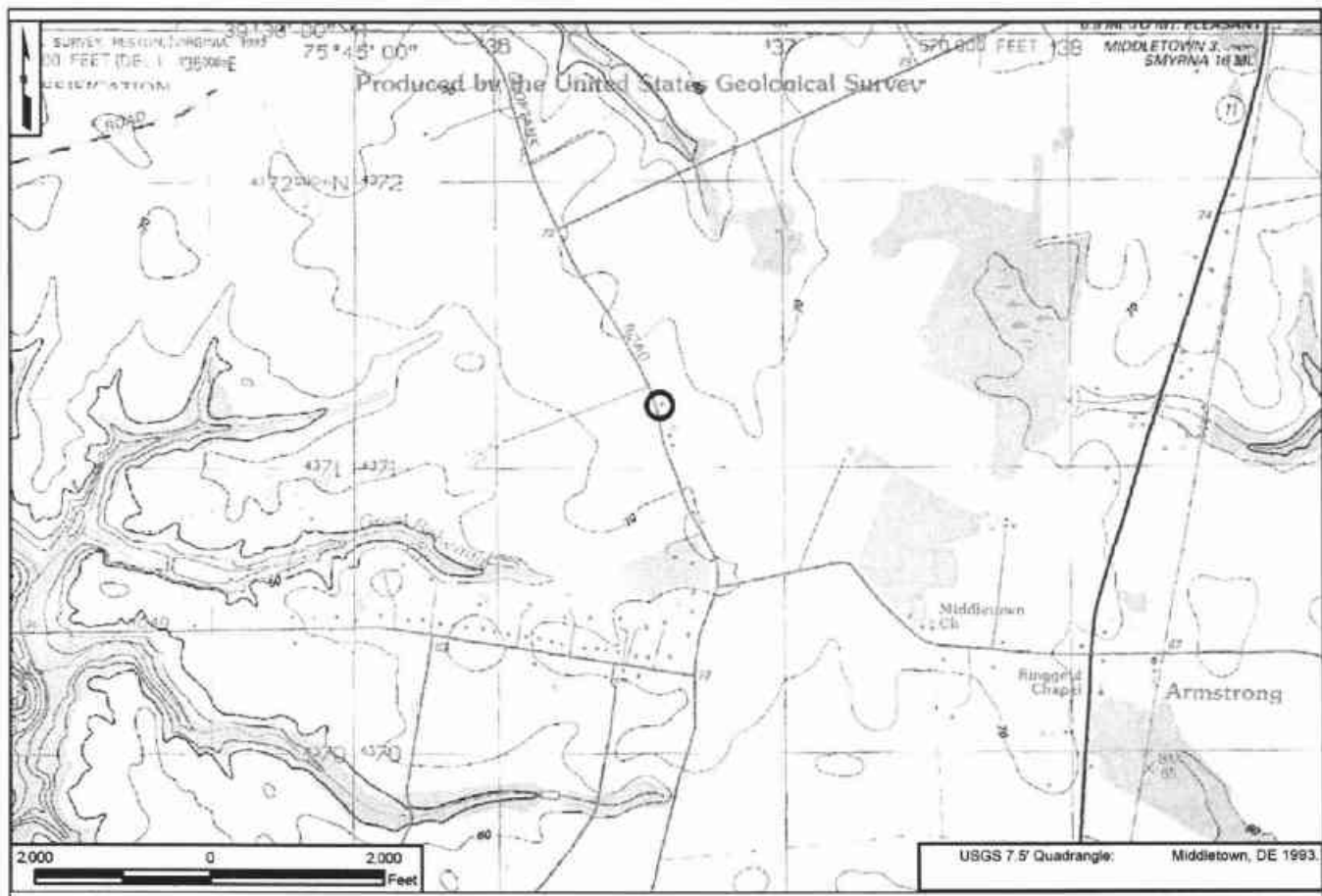
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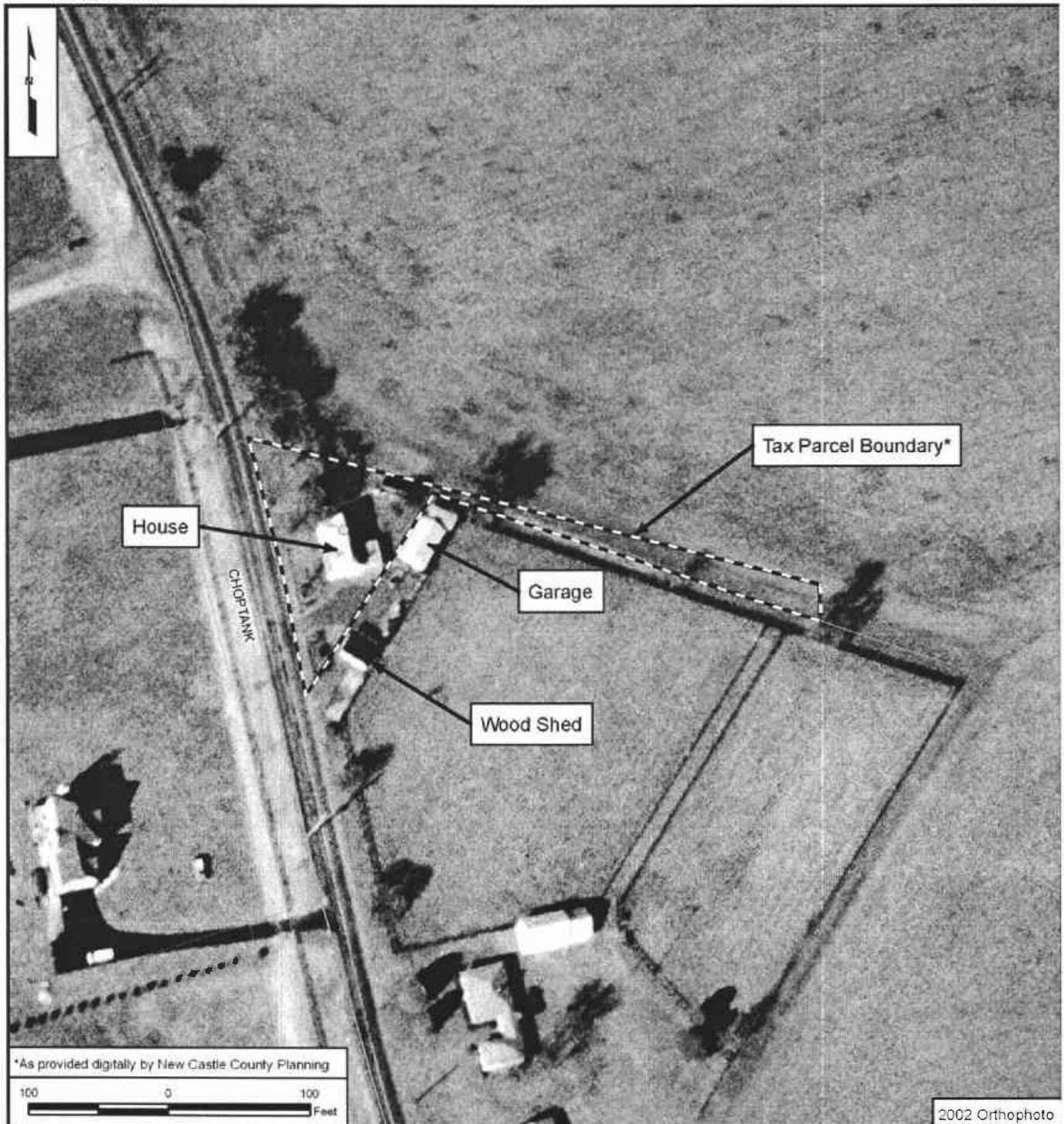
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4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. N14307

Name: State Line Tire & Truck Repair Shop

Address: 1422 Middletown Warwick Road

Tax Parcel: 1401000010

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1955

Time Period: 1940-1960, Suburbanization and Early Ex-Urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Retailing/Wholesaling (Commercial Development)

Description

This property is located on the east side of U.S. 301, at the southern end of the U.S. 301 Project Development study area near the Maryland state border. The property consists of a one-story frame abandoned service station/garage which is located amidst an overgrown asphalt parking lot that is directly accessible to traffic traveling along U.S. 301. Based on the form and massing of the building, including commercial garage bays, an office area, and bathrooms accessible from the outside, it apparently served as a garage/service station. The building appears to have been abandoned for a long period of time. It is in poor condition; the pedestrian doors and windows to the office and restrooms have been boarded up, and the sheathing on the gable ends has been stripped, exposing the building's roof trusses. There are no longer any gas pumps on the property, and commercial signage is also absent.

Historical Narrative

The former commercial facility at 1422 Middletown Warwick Road is not present on an aerial photograph of the area taken in 1932 (USDA 1932). The facility was likely erected ca. 1955, following the construction of a 1.21-mile U.S. 301 connector that bypassed Warwick. Construction of the "Middletown-Warwick Spur" commenced in 1955 and was completed in 1956 (Delaware State Highway Department 1955). The facility's presence is confirmed on a USGS map published in 1958 (USGS 1958). Road plans for improvements to U.S. 301 indicate the property was known in 1987 as the "State Line Tire & Truck Repair Shop" (Delaware Department of Transportation 1987).

In September 1955, Melvin and Gladys Shahan sold a 1.02-acre portion of their farmland fronting the proposed "Middletown-Warwick Spur" to Lewis E. Stengel and Frances C., his wife (New Castle County Deed Book U55:556). The Stengels, residents of Towson, Maryland, executed a lease with Tra-Lyn, Incorporated the following month, in October 1955 (New Castle County Deed Book Q54:343).

The terms of the lease included the right to construct "...an automobile service station on the premises..." also known as a "...gasoline service station..." (*ibid.*). Tra-Lyn, Incorporated was founded the preceeding year, in August 1954, when John A Daiger of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland, filed the necessary paperwork with Maryland officials (Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation website).

In March 1970, Lewis E. Stengel died, and Frances C. Stengel, as surviving joint tenant, took possession of the Tra-Lyn leased land. She retained possession and maintained the lease for the next eleven years, when she sold the parcel for \$7,000 to the lessee, Tra-Lyn, Incorporated, at the end of August 1981 (New Castle County Deed Book E116:253).


Within a month, Tra-Lyn, Incorporated sold the lot and service station to Lee J. Sweetman of Middletown for \$30,500 (New Castle County Deed Book E116:251). In this deed, the grantor reserved a 50-foot easement "...across the southernmost entrance to the service station for intermittent use of the Grantor and/or Commercial Development Company (A), Inc. for ingress and egress to and from Parcels A, H and K." (*ibid.*). John A. Daiger also formed Commercial Development Company (A), Incorporated, in August 1955 (Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation website). Evidently, through his corporations, Daiger had acquired the lands surrounding the service station. Lee Sweetman died intestate during January 1994 while still seized of the service station (New Castle County Will Record 106229). Two years after their father's death, the children, Lee J. Sweetman III, Jeffrey L. Sweetman, and Gina Dougherty, heirs and devisees at law of Lee Sweetman sold the service station and land to Ray L. Woodie for \$32,000 in March 1996 (New Castle County Deed Book 2073:207). Woodie retained ownership of the property until August 2004, when he sold the service station and 1.026-acre lot of land to Earth Recovery & Renewal, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation formed in July 2004, for \$200,000. Earth Recovery & Renewal, Incorporated remains tenured in the property today in 2005.

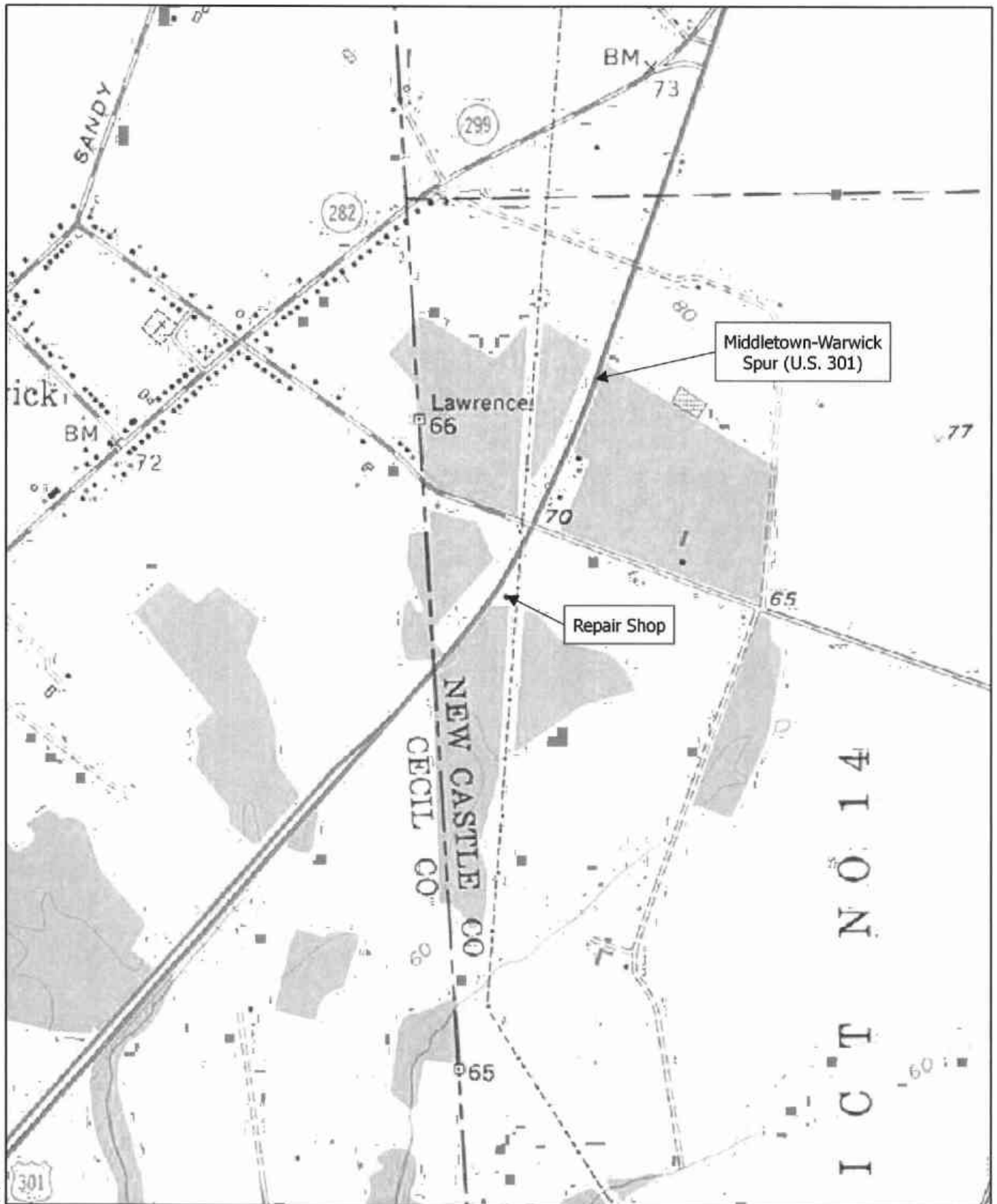
National Register Evaluation

The property at 1422 Middletown Warwick Road was evaluated as a Commercial Resource as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). Although the property is associated with commercial development along a newly constructed highway, better examples of garages/service stations exist within the U.S. 301 project area. Scarcely recognizable as a garage and/or service station, this resource lacks sufficient integrity of association, design, feeling, workmanship, and materials to convey its use as a gas station. As required in the historic context, the main structure should retain a rectangular shape with a number of garage bays and office at one end of the structure. While the building continues to present this form, it has lost some of the original exterior materials. Additionally, service stations should retain integrity of setting, including sight lines, property boundaries, curb cuts, traffic circulation patterns, and accessibility from the roadway they served. While the building retains a close proximity to the highway it once served, overgrowth of the lot has obscured the areas of on-premises parking and property lines. The context also states that service stations should retain gas pumps along with pump islands and associated canopies and signage; the property at 1422 Middletown Warwick Road retains none of these features. Furthermore, it no longer serves its commercial use and no longer conveys the architecture of the automobile era.

Thus, due to a high level of loss of integrity, the property is not eligible under Criterion A in the area of commercial development. Based on historic research conducted for this project, the property does not appear to be associated with an individual who was significantly involved with the development of commercial architecture, thus the property is not eligible under Criterion B. The property does not embody outstanding architectural characteristics of the automobile era. Nor does the service station appear to be representative of an identified station construction type associated with a particular company. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion C. The property does not appear to have the potential to yield information about construction technology; therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion D. Due to lack of significance

and integrity, the State Line Tire and Truck Repair Shop at 1422 Middletown Warwick Road is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

CRS No. N14307	
	
	N14307. Photograph 1: West and south elevations of former service station/garage. Note loss of original exterior materials.



U.S. 301 Project Development
Cecilton, MD 1958 USGS Map

State Line Tire & Truck Repair Shop - CRS No. N14307



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS#: N14307.
SPO Map: 04-05-27
Hundred: Appoquinimink
Quad: Cecilton
Other: 1401000010

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION State Line Tire & Truck Repair Shop

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1422 Middletown Warwick Rd

3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Middletown vicinity? ☒

4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ structure ☐ site ☐ object ☐
landscape ☐ district ☐

5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY:
Vacant/Not in Use

6. PROJECT TITLE/REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):
U.S. 301 Project Development

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS02	Garage
1	CRS09	N/A

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Lauren Archibald / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: Barbara M. Copp

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 7/27/2005

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N14307.

10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II
- ☐ 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☐ 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☒ 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- ☐ 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N14307

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1422 Middletown Warwick Rd.
2. FUNCTION(S): historic garage/service station current not in use
3. YEAR BUILT: 1955 CIRCA?: X ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: rectangular/vernacular
5. INTEGRITY: original site X moved

<u>if moved, from where</u>	<u>other location's CRS #</u>	<u>year</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u>		<u>year</u>
<u>a. N/A</u>		<u>N/A</u>
<u>b. N/A</u>		<u>N/A</u>
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent good fair poor X
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
 - a. Overall shape: rectangular Stories: 1
Additions: n/a
 - b. Structural system (if known): concrete
 - c. Foundation: materials: on concrete pad
basement: full partial not visible no basement X
 - d. Exterior walls (original if visible & any subsequent coverings): stuccoed
 - e. Roof: shape: gable, side, overhanging eaves, exposed rafter ends
materials: wood truss roof covered with metal roof
cornice: wood
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): N/A
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
 - a. Facade: Direction: W
 - 1) Bays 4
 - 2) Windows none - window in former office now boarded up
fenestration N/A
type N/A
trim N/A
shutters N/A

- Facade (cont'd)**
- 3) **Door(s)** 3
 location 1 pedestrian door toward N, 2 garage doors in central and southern bay
 type 2 garage doors
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A
- b. **Side: Direction: N**
- 1) **Bays** 2
- 2) **Windows** 2
 fenestration Irregular
 type 1 set Jalousie windows, one boarded up window
 trim plywood
 shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A
- c. **Side: Direction: S**
- 1) **Bays** 3
- 2) **Windows** one panel
 fenestration multiple pane windows, most of this wall is glazed
 type fixed, casement-type windows
 trim metal
 shutters N/A
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A
- d. **Rear: Direction: E**
- 1) **Bays** not accessible
- 2) **Windows** not accessible
 fenestration not accessible
 type not accessible
 trim not accessible
 shutters not accessible
- 3) **Door(s)** not accessible
 location not accessible
 type not accessible
 trim not accessible
- 4) **Porch(es)** not accessible

9. **INTERIOR:** not accessible

10. **LANDSCAPING:** Asphalt and earthen parking lot, some is overgrown with weeds.

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** Pent roof at office area on northwest corner of building.



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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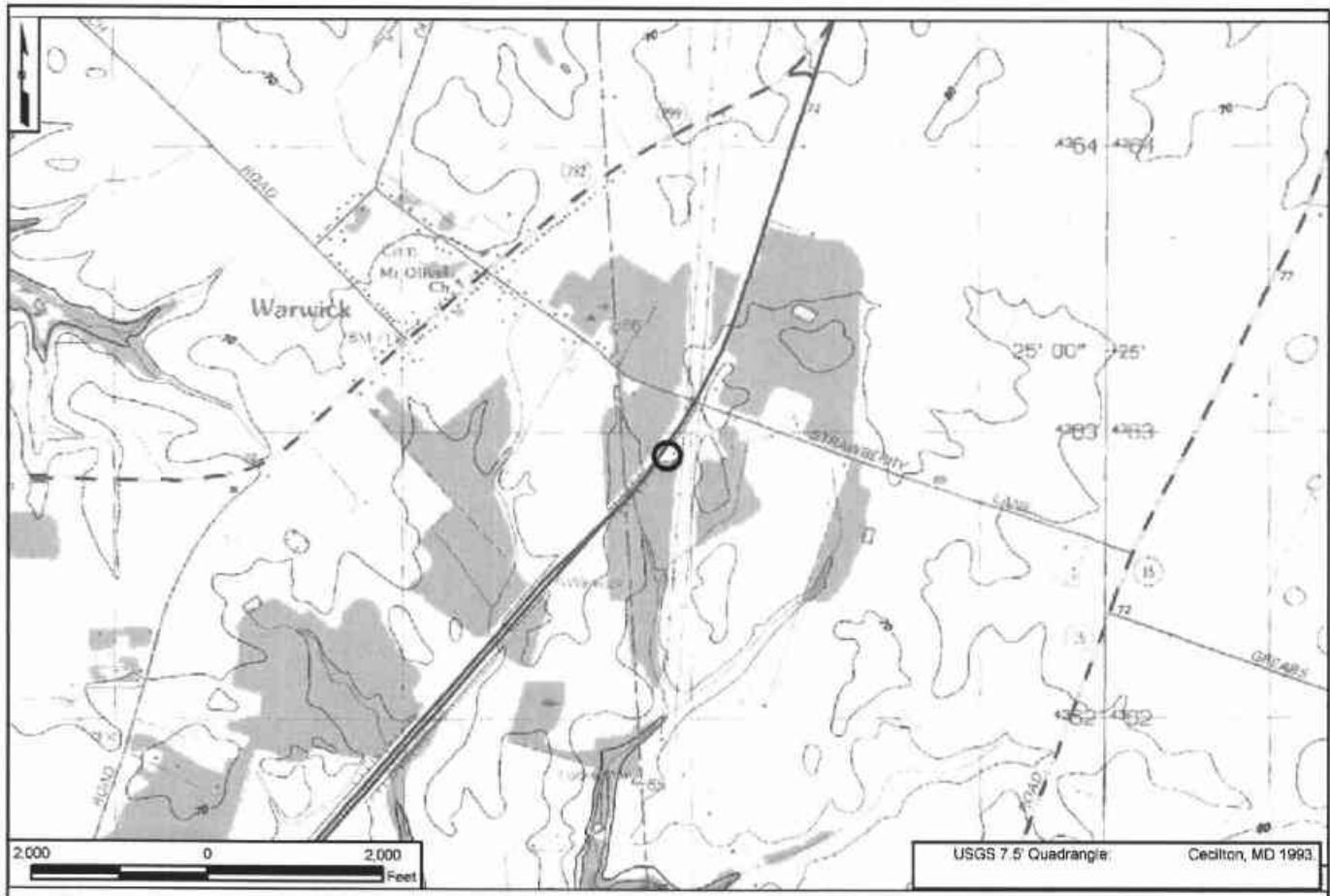
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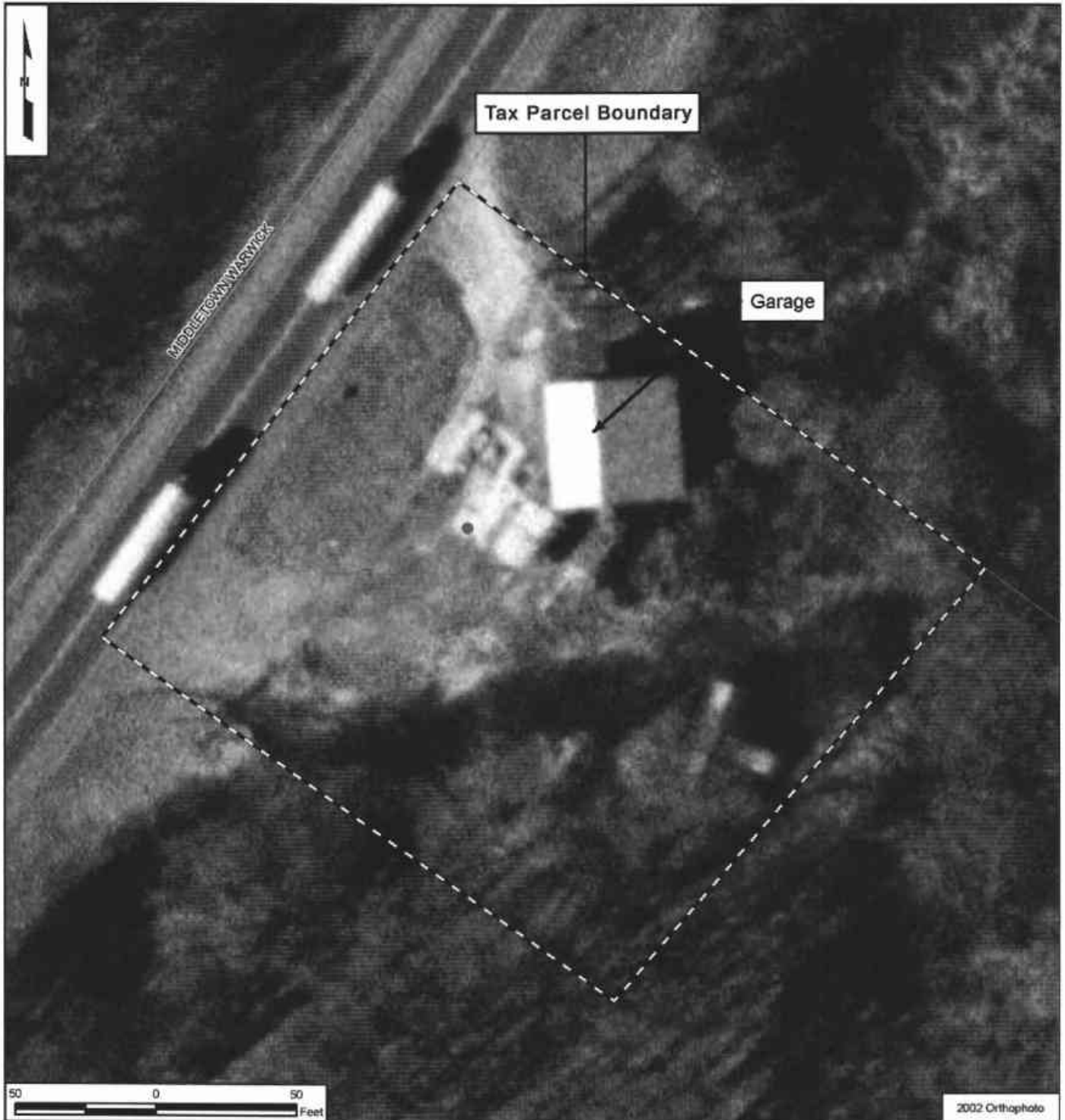
3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. N14308

Address: 350 Strawberry Lane

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1957

Time Period: 1940-1960±, Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture) and Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes (Community Development)

Name: Charles and Emma Wert House

Tax Parcel: 1401000014

Description

This property is located along the north side of Strawberry Lane east of U.S. 301. The lot is partially wooded and consists of a *circa*-1957 Ranch house and a garage complex. The one-story hipped roof dwelling is constructed with rusticated concrete block and is partially clad in stucco. Typical of the Ranch form, the roof features overhanging eaves. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and is pierced by a rusticated concrete block chimney on the west end of the roofline. The dwelling is lit by a combination of replacement windows including bay windows as well as one-over-one single and paired double-hung windows. The dwelling is accessed by multiple entrances located on multiple elevations and constructed out of multiple materials including wood and aluminum.

The garage complex is located to the rear of the dwelling and is constructed out of concrete block. The *circa*-1957 garage features a gable roof that is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A six-bay rectangular addition, built ca. 1985, connects the older garage with a *circa*-1977 garage. This modern garage is constructed out of concrete block and features a gable roofline sheathed in asphalt shingles. The buildings are lit by a mix of modern and original windows. The complex is accessed by replacement pane-and-panel aluminum doors. The property features a manicured lawn with mature trees and shrubs. The property is accessed by an asphalt driveway that runs to the north of the dwelling.

Historical Narrative

According to Mr. Dennis Cowan, the present-day owner, the dwelling was erected ca. 1954. This date was not substantiated, although deed evidence suggests a *circa*-1957 construction date. The property was originally part of a large 349-acre farm purchased by Charles D. and Emma Wert from Walter H. and Helen Money in September 1950 (New Castle County Deed Book R50:1020). The Werts paid \$27,000 for the farm. In April 1957, the Werts set up a strawman transfer of a five-acre unimproved lot with Bernard Hessler, Jr. (New Castle County Deed Books Y59:440 and Y59:429). It was likely shortly after this transfer that the Werts began construction on the dwelling at 350 Strawberry Lane. The dwelling was in place by 1958, when it appears on a USGS map published in that year (USGS 1958). In September 1969, the Werts sold the property to William L. Sweetman for \$55,000 (New Castle County Deed Book X82:289). Sweetman sold the parcel to William E. Walls and his wife, Lucille S. for \$55,000 in January 1975 (New Castle County Deed Book D90:669). The Walls sold the property to the New Castle Construction Co., Inc. for the sum of \$10 in 1977 (New Castle County Deed Book M96:129). According to Mr. Cowan, during the tenure of the New Castle Construction Company the dwelling was used as office space. The large truck garage was also erected at this time. The present-day owner indicates the truck garage was erected on the site of a swimming pool. By December 1981, the New Castle Construction Company encountered financial difficulties and

title of the property was conveyed to the Bank of Delaware (New Castle County Deed Book 154:266). The Bank of Delaware sold the parcel and house to Dennis R. and Judith L. Cowan in November 1984 in consideration of \$65,000 (New Castle County Deed Book 180:31). According to Mr. Cowan, the property included the dwelling, two garages, and a pole barn. Shortly thereafter, the two garages were connected by a six-bay rectangular addition. The pole barn later burned. Dennis Cowan became sole owner of the property in December 1992 (New Castle County Deed Book 1443:287). His silk-screening business operates out of the garage complex.

National Register Evaluation

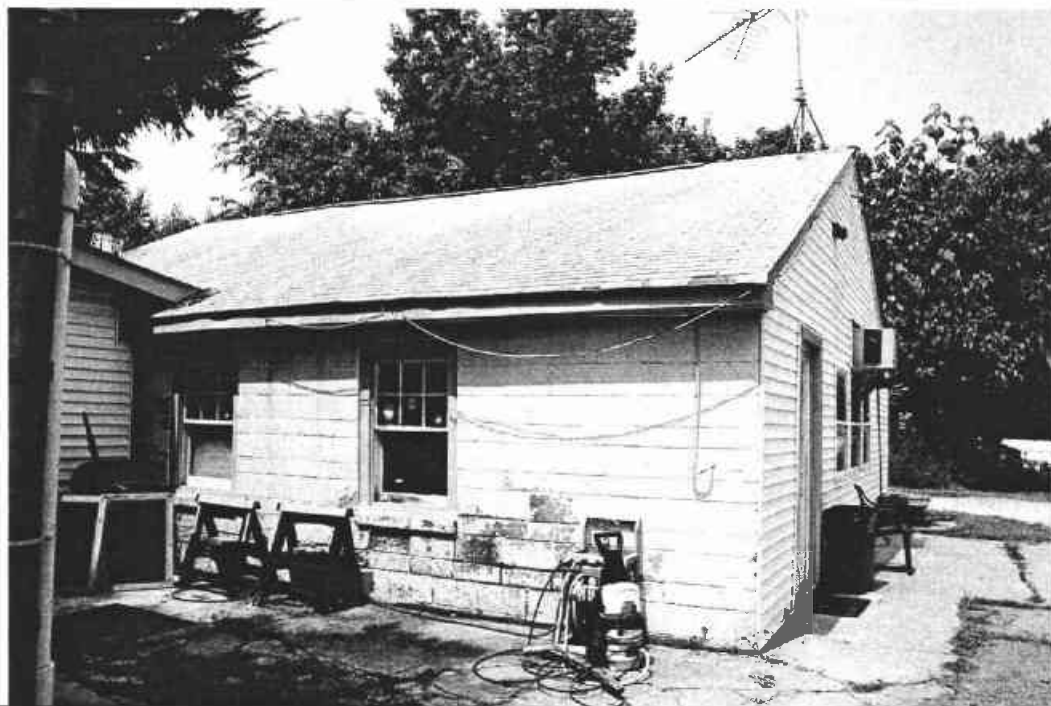
The property at 350 Strawberry Lane was evaluated as a Residential Resource as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). Ranch dwellings are common mid-twentieth century building types in the U.S. 301 APE. Therefore, these resources are generally not considered eligible unless they are part of eligible collections. As noted in the context, dwellings dating to the mid-twentieth century would not be considered eligible for listing in the National Register unless they retain an exceptionally high degree of integrity and a significant associated documentary record (construction plans, building contracts, etc.) that could provide new insight into residential construction and development during this period (A.D. Marble & Company 2005).

The property was not constructed as part of a residential development and is not reflective of significant local trends in residential development; therefore, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A. Based on background research, the property does not appear to be associated with an individual of historical importance; thus, the property is not eligible for listing under Criterion B. The dwelling is an altered example of a common mid-twentieth-century form; thus, the property is not eligible for listing under Criterion C in the area of architecture. The property does not appear to possess the potential to yield new information on building practices or methods of construction, therefore the property is not eligible for listing under Criterion D. Due to lack of significance, the Charles and Emma Wert House at 350 Strawberry Lane is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

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N14308. Photograph 1: Charles and Emma Wert House, south and west elevations, view to northeast.



N14308. Photograph 2. Garage, south and east elevations, view to north. View of *circa*-1957 garage. The *circa*-1985 addition is visible at the left edge of the photograph.

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS#: N14308
SPO Map: 04-05-27
Hundred: Appoquinimink
Quad: Cecilton
Other: 1401000014

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION Charles and Emma Wert House

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 350 Strawberry Ln

3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Middletown vicinity? ☒

4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ structure ☐ site ☐ object ☐
landscape ☐ district ☐

5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY:

Single Dwelling Business

6. PROJECT TITLE/REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):

U.S. 301 Project Development

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS02	Dwelling
1	CRS03	Garage
1	CRS09	N/A

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Catherine M. Dluzak / Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: Barbara M. Copp

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 7/25/2005

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N14308.

10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II
- ☐ 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☐ 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☒ 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- ☐ 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N14308

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 350 Strawberry Lane

2. FUNCTION(S): historic dwelling current single dwelling

3. YEAR BUILT: 1957 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: minimal traditional

5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐

if moved, from where

N/A

other location's CRS #

N/A

year

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

list major alterations and additions with years (if known)

year

a. Side gable entry on west elevation

1990

b. N/A

N/A

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)

a. Overall shape: rectilinear

Stories: 1

Additions:

entry on west elevation

b. Structural system (if known): frame

c. Foundation: materials: rusticated concrete block

basement: full ☒ partial ☒ not visible ☒ no basement ☐

d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): stucco rusticated concrete block

e. Roof: shape:

hip

materials:

asphalt shingles

cornice:

overhang

dormers:

N/A

chimney: location(s):

concrete block (rusticated) west slope

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

a. Facade: Direction:

S

1) Bays

4

2) Windows

2 paired

fenestration

irregular

type

1/1 dhs replacement vinyl, bay window flanked by 1/1 dhs replacement vinyl

trim

vinyl

shutters

N/A

- Facade (cont'd)
- 3) Door(s) 2
location 1st bay, 3rd bay
type wood 3 light paneled, modern steel
trim
- 4) Porch(es) enclosed large 1/1 aluminum widows (6), 1 vinyl door, 1 rolling metal door
- b. Side: Direction: W
- 1) Bays 3
- 2) Windows 3
fenestration irregular
type bay window, 1 Chicago window, paired 1 light vinyl, 1 1/1 dhs vinyl replacement, 3 fixed vinyl in basement
trim vinyl
shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 3rd bay
location
type paneled steel replacement
trim vinyl
- 4) Porch(es) N/A
- c. Side: Direction: E
- 1) Bays 3
- 2) Windows 2
fenestration regular
type 1/1 dhs vinyl sash replacement; 2 fixed vinyl in basement
trim vinyl
shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) modern
location 2nd bay
type steel replacement
trim enclosed steel
- 4) Porch(es) entry with concrete pad, lit by 6/6 dhs vinyl windows
- d. Rear: Direction: N
- 1) Bays 5
- 2) Windows 4
fenestration irregular
type paired fixed large picture vinyl replacement, 3 1/1 dhs vinyl replacement
trim vinyl
shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 2nd bay
location
type wood paneled with large light steel storm
trim vinyl
- 4) Porch(es) one concrete step leads up to door

9. INTERIOR: not accessible

10. LANDSCAPING: manicured lawn, mature trees, flower beds, some shrubs

11. OTHER COMMENTS: house was once used as an office by a trucking company, used as a dwelling by current owner

USE BLACK INK ONLY

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
SECONDARY BUILDING FORM

CRS # N14308

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 350 Strawberry Lane
2. FUNCTION(S): historic garage current commercial/studio
3. YEAR BUILT: 1957 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE/FLOOR PLAN: open
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐
if moved, from where original location's CRS # year
N/A N/A N/A
N/A N/A N/A
list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
a. large truck garage c. 1977
b. 1 story connector c. 1985

6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐

7. DESCRIPTION:

- a. Structural system concrete block
- b. Number of stories 1
- c. Wall coverings vinyl (east), concrete block, wood
- d. Foundation obscured
- e. Roof gable
structural system frame
coverings asphalt shingle
openings stove pipe on north slope

8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:

- a. Facade: direction: E
1) bays: 4
2) windows: 3 regular 1/1 vinyl replacement
3) door(s): paneled steel replacement door with 9 lights
4) other: N/A

b. Side: direction:

- 1) bays: 0
- 2) windows: N/A
- 3) door(s): N/A
- 4) other: N/A

c. Side: direction: N

- 1) bays: 2
- 2) windows: 6/1 dhs wood with vinyl trim
- 3) door(s): N/A
- 4) other: N/A

d. Rear: direction: W

- 1) bays: 2
- 2) windows: paired 6/6 dhs wood in vinyl trim, aluminum storms
- 3) door(s): 1 other window opening partially visible
- 4) other: 6 bay rectangular addition ca. 1985 connects old garage with newer ca. 1980 garage. Garage is now used as a studio, printing press in ca. 1980 garage

9. INTERIOR (if accessible):**a) Floor plan**

not accessible

b) Partition/walls

not accessible

c) Finishes

not accessible

d) Furnishings/machinery

not accessible



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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CRS#:

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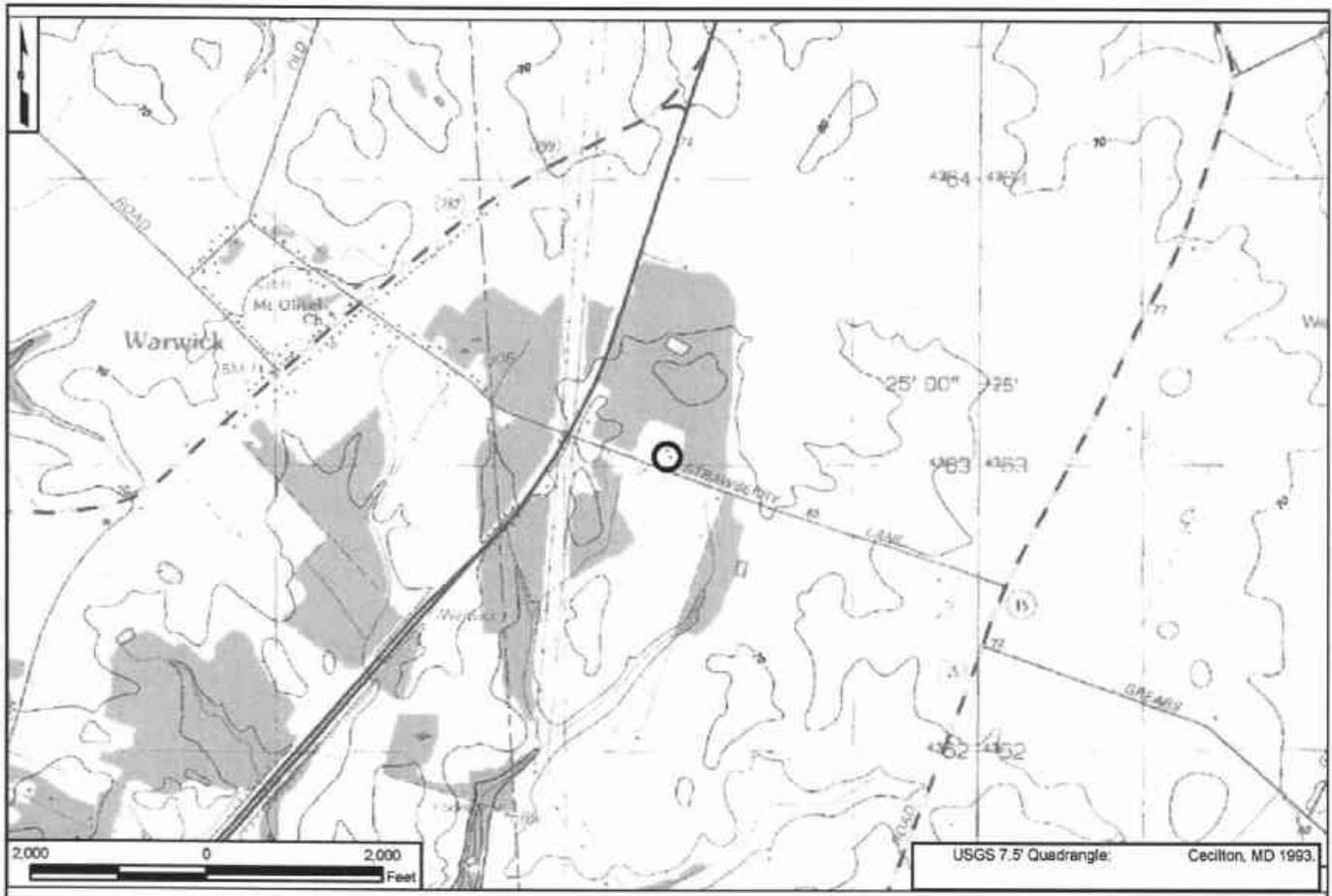
1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 350 Strawberry Ln

2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. N14309

Address: 341 Strawberry Lane

Date of Construction/Major Alterations: ca. 1961

Time Period: 1960-2000, Deurbanization and Sprawl

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Engineering, and Decorative Arts (Residential Architecture) and Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes (Community Development)

Name: Frank and Anna Mae Gruwell House

Tax Parcel: 1401000012

Description

This property is located along the south side of Strawberry Lane east of U.S. 301. The one-acre lot consists of a *circa*-1961 Ranch house, a modern garage, and a modern, prefabricated shed. Typical of the Ranch house form, the dwelling is one-story in height, features a low-pitched side-gable roof, and presents a horizontal appearance. The walls of the dwelling are clad in aluminum siding and it has a mix of two-over-two and one-over-one double-hung wood windows. Pedestrian doors are located on the façade and rear elevations. Shed roof additions are located on the façade and rear elevations. A gravel drive is located on the west side of the house and wraps around to the rear elevation of the house. The drive also accesses a large four bay garage with metal siding. Constructed ca. 1995, the large garage sits south of the house. A modern prefabricated wood sided shed also sits southeast of the house. A chain link fence separates the property from Strawberry Lane. The lot has a yard with a few mature trees and shrubs.

Historical Narrative

According to the current owner, Melvin Gruwell, the residence at 341 Strawberry Lane was erected in 1961. The lot was parceled off of the adjoining farm to the southeast, owned by Melvin and Gladys Shahan, Mr. Gruwell's grandparents (identified in the A.D. Marble survey as CRS No. N14388). New Castle County deeds indicated that the Shahans sold a one-acre lot to their daughter Anna Mae, and her husband, Frank B. Gruwell, Jr. in April 1962 (New Castle County Deed Book M69:275). Mr. Gruwell died in 1995, leaving his real estate to his wife (New Castle County Deed Instrument 20041001-0108155; New Castle County Register of Wills WR110721). In October 2004, Anne Mae Gruwell deeded the parcel to her son, Melvin, for the sum of one dollar (New Castle County Deed Instrument 20041001-0108155).

National Register Evaluation

The property at 341 Strawberry Lane was evaluated as a Residential Resource as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). Ranch houses are common mid-twentieth century dwelling types in the U.S. 301 APE. As noted in the context, dwellings dating to the mid-twentieth century would not be considered eligible for listing in the National Register unless they retain an exceptionally high degree of integrity and a significant associated documentary record (construction plans, building contracts, etc.) that could provide information on the forces behind and the dynamics of residential construction and development during this period (A.D. Marble & Company 2005).

The Ranch house at 341 Strawberry Lane is one of three Ranch residences located on lands formerly associated with the farmstead at 389 Strawberry Lane (CRS No. N14388). The other two Ranch houses, both of which post-date 1962, are located along the west side of a farm lane leading to the farmstead. This collection is an example of mid-twentieth-century residential strip

development. The dwellings in the strip development are architecturally unremarkable and two lack sufficient age to be considered for eligibility. Additionally, the collection does not appear to have the potential to provide new information on mid-twentieth-century development practices; therefore, they are not eligible under Criterion A.

The property is a common example of a mid-twentieth-century Ranch dwelling and does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic values. Thus, the property is not eligible for listing under Criterion C. Based on background research; the property does not have a known association with individuals of historic importance and is not eligible under Criterion B. The property does not appear to possess the potential to yield new information on building practices or methods of construction, therefore the property does not appear to be eligible for listing under Criterion D.

CRS No. N14309



N14309. Photograph 1: Frank and Anna Mae Gruwell House, north and west elevations, view to southeast. Note vinyl siding on dwelling and large modern garage to the rear.



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N14309

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 341 Strawberry Ln
2. FUNCTION(S): historic single dwelling current single dwelling
3. YEAR BUILT: 1961 CIRCA?: ☒ ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: ranch
5. INTEGRITY: original site ☒ moved ☐
if moved, from where other location's CRS # year
N/A
N/A
list major alterations and additions with years (if known) year
a. vinyl siding 2000
b. shed roof rear entry 1970
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent ☐ good ☒ fair ☐ poor ☐
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
- a. Overall shape: rectilinear; side gable Stories: 1
Additions: rectilinear 1 story shed roof rear addition
- b. Structural system (if known): frame
- c. Foundation: materials: concrete block
basement: full ☐ partial ☐ not visible ☒ no basement ☐
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): vinyl
- e. Roof: shape: side gable, 2 ventilators on S ridge
materials: asphalt shingles
cornice: simple
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): exterior brick on west elevation, concrete block on S elevation
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: Direction: N
1) Bays 5
2) Windows 4
fenestration Irregular, 1 paired, 1 Chicago
type 2/2 dhs wood with aluminum storms, 1/1 dhs wood
trim vinyl
shutters paneled vinyl

- Facade (cont'd)**
- 3) **Door(s)** paneled
 location 3rd bay
 type wood, aluminum storm with 2 lights
 trim vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** 2 concrete steps lead to entry
- b. Side: Direction:** W
- 1) **Bays** 4
- 2) **Windows** 3 single, 1 paired
 fenestration irregular
 type 1/1 dhs wood replacement, 2/2 dhs wood, 1/1 dhs wood in gable
 trim vinyl
 shutters vinyl
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A
- c. Side: Direction:** E
- 1) **Bays** 3
- 2) **Windows** 2, 1 paired
 fenestration regular
 type 2/2 dhs wood, 1/1 dhs wood, all with aluminum storms, 1/1 dhs wood in gable
 trim vinyl
 shutters vinyl
- 3) **Door(s)** 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) **Porch(es)** N/A
- d. Rear: Direction:** S
- 1) **Bays** 5
- 2) **Windows** 4
 fenestration regular
 type 2/2 dhs wood with aluminum storms
 trim vinyl
 shutters vinyl
- 3) **Door(s)** 1
 location 3rd bay
 type modern steel 9 light paneled replacement with glass storm
 trim vinyl
- 4) **Porch(es)** shed roof entry

9. **INTERIOR:** not accessible

10. **LANDSCAPING:** mature trees, manicured lawn, fenced in lot

11. **OTHER COMMENTS:** N/A



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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CRS#: N14309

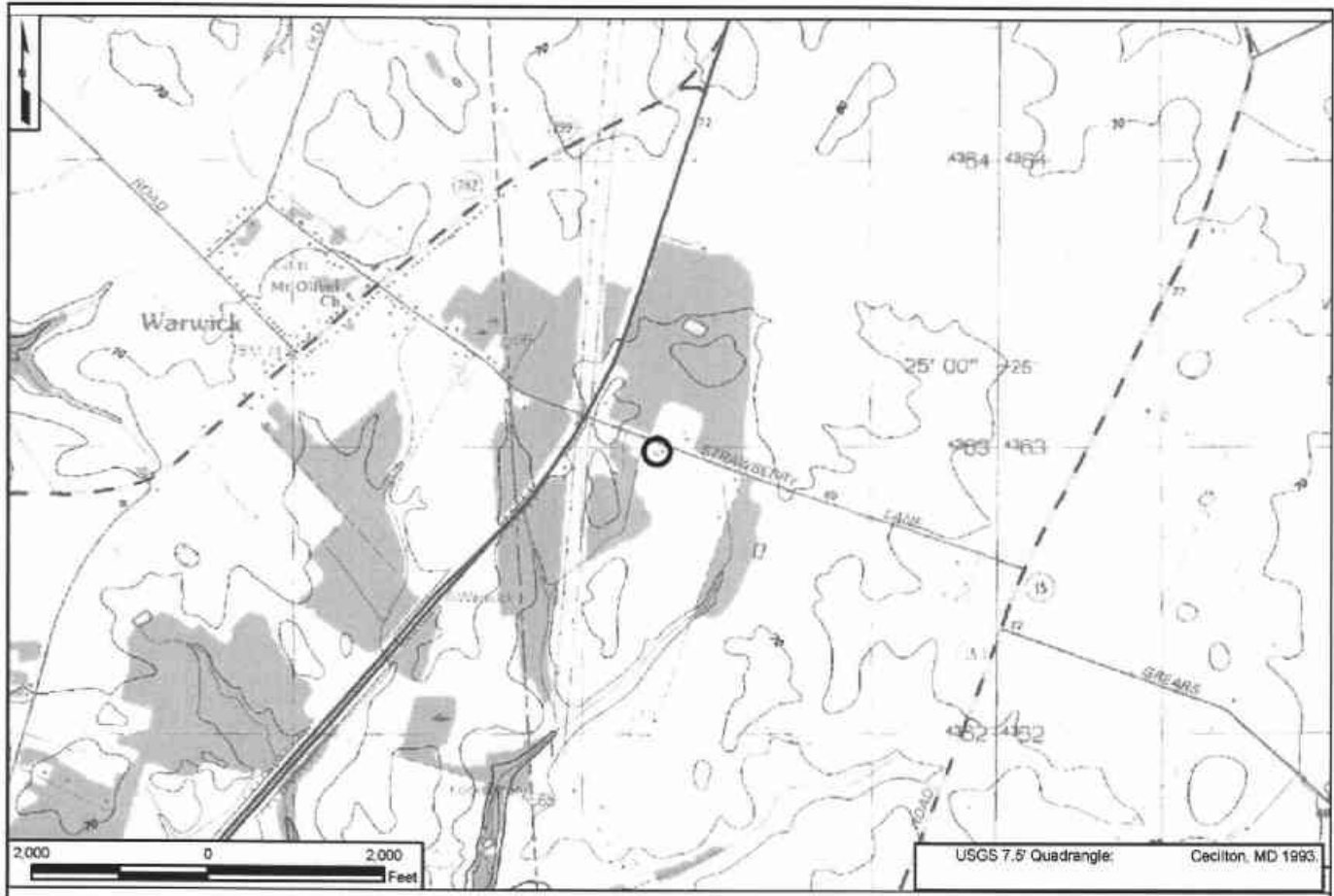
1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 341 Strawberry Ln

2. NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. N14310

Address: 1228 Middletown Warwick Road

Name: Sun Oil Gas and Service Station

Tax Parcel: 1302600022

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: ca. 1956

Time Period: 1940-1960, Suburbanization and Early Ex-Urbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Retailing/Wholesaling (Commercial Development)

Description

This property is located on the east side of U.S. 301, near the southern end of the U.S. 301 Project Development study area. The property consists of a working gas station surrounded by an asphalt parking lot. This one-story concrete building once also served as an automobile service station, but the service bay(s) (as well as some of the former window openings) have been filled in, and the building no longer services automobiles. This building is sheathed with metal panels; however, some of the panels are missing and all historic signage has been removed from the premises. The concrete fueling island and gas pumps are modern, although they may be located in the historic location of former gasoline facilities.

Historical Narrative

The commercial facility at 1228 Middletown Warwick Road is not present on a 1932 aerial photograph of the area or on a 1941 highway map of New Castle County (USDA 1932; Delaware State Highway Department 1941). The gas station was likely erected following improvements made to Middletown Warwick Road in 1955 and deed information supports a post 1955 construction date. On October 14, 1953, Charles D. and Emma V. Wert conveyed a parcel of land "without any improvements thereon erected" from their farm in southern St. George's Hundred to Gilbert W. and Eleanor Gail Perry, of Middletown, for \$3,000.00 (New Castle County Deed Book D54:17). Almost three years later, on July 10, 1956, the Perrys, now listed as residents of Smyrna, sold a 0.91-acre parcel fronting Middletown Warwick Road to Sun Oil Company, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, for \$10 (New Castle County Deed Book Y57:137). The Sun Oil Company likely erected a gas station upon their newly acquired property soon thereafter. The facility does appear on a USGS map published in 1958. An aerial photograph of the area taken in 1962 confirms the building was situated at an angle to Middletown Warwick Road and was accessed by a semi-circular drive.

The Sun Oil Company retained the property until March 17, 1972. A deed bearing this date conveyed the 0.91-acre property "with the building erected thereof" to Peter Griggs, of Greenwood, Virginia, for \$20,000 (New Castle County Deed Book H97:144). The property changed hands again on May 23, 1977, with Peter and Othie L. Griggs, of Waynesboro, Virginia, transferring the property for \$1.00 to Imperial Oil Company of Delaware, Inc. (New Castle County Deed Book H97:128). The Imperial Oil Company of Delaware, Inc., maintained ownership of the property for eight years, selling the property to Edward J. Long, of New Castle County, for \$55,000 on July 8, 1985 (New Castle County Deed Book 254:90). On January 20, 1992, Edward R. Long sold the property for \$45,000 to Ravinder Bajwa and Ujagar Singh (New Castle County Deed Book 1278:210). The property transferred ownership five times in the next 13 years through a series of incorporated businesses and partnerships (New Castle County Deed Book 2024:88; 2263:302; 2367:284; 2829:322; 2869:62).

National Register Evaluation

The Sun Oil Gas and Service Station at 1228 Middletown Warwick Road was evaluated as a Commercial Resource as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). The property is associated with commercial development along an important thoroughfare and is one of the better examples of garages/service stations that exist within the U.S. 301 project area. As required in the historic context, the main structure should retain a rectangular shape with a number of garage bays and an office at one end of the structure. While the building continues to present this form, it has lost some of the original exterior materials. Specifically, the fenestration of the structure has been altered and portions of the metal panel cladding have been removed. Additionally, service stations should retain integrity of setting, including sight lines, property boundaries, curb cuts, traffic circulation patterns, and accessibility from the roadway they served. While the building retains a close proximity to the highway it serves, the original plan has been somewhat compromised by the addition of diesel pumps to the east of the pump islands. The context also states that service stations should retain gas pumps along with pump islands and associated canopies and signage; the property at 1228 Middletown Warwick Road retains none of these features. Thus, while the property continues to serve its commercial use, it no longer conveys the architecture of the automobile era.

Due to a high level of loss of integrity, the property is not eligible under Criterion A in the area of commercial development. Based on historic research conducted for this project, the property appears to be associated with the Sun Oil Company, but the company does not appear to be associated with the development of commercial architecture, thus the property is not eligible under Criterion B. The property does not embody outstanding architectural characteristics of the automobile era. Although the service station appears to have been constructed for the Sun Oil Company, it does not retain features that associate it with the Sun Oil Company. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion C. The property does not appear to have the potential to yield information about construction technology, therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion D. Due to lack of significance and integrity, the Sun Oil Gas and Service Station at 1228 Middletown Warwick Road is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

CRS No. N14310



N14310. Photograph 1: East and south elevations of gas and service station.
Note filled-in garage bay on façade and modern signage.

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS#: N14310.
SPO Map: 04-05-28
Hundred: Appoquinimink
Quad: Cecilton
Other: 1302600022

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION: Sun Oil Gas and Service Station

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1228 Middletown Warwick Rd

3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Middletown vicinity? ☒

4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ structure ☐ site ☐ object ☐
landscape ☐ district ☐

5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY:

Business

6. PROJECT TITLE/REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):

U.S. 301 Project Development

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS02	Gas and Service Station
1	CRS09	N/A

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Lauren Archibald / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: Barbara M. Copp

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 7/25/2005

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

CRS#

N14310.

10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II
- ☐ 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☐ 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☒ 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- ☐ 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N14310

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1228 Middletown Warwick Rd.
2. FUNCTION(S): historic gas/service station current gas station
3. YEAR BUILT: 1956 CIRCA?: X ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: rectangular/vernacular
5. INTEGRITY: original site X moved _____
- | <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>other location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| <u>a. N/A</u> | | <u>N/A</u> |
| <u>b. N/A</u> | | <u>N/A</u> |
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent _____ good _____ fair X poor _____
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
- a. Overall shape: rectangular Stories: 1
Additions: N/A
- b. Structural system (if known): concrete block
- c. Foundation: materials: on concrete pad
basement: full partial not visible no basement X
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): concrete block and metal panels
- e. Roof: shape: flat
materials: not visible
cornice: metal
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): N/A
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: Direction: S
- 1) Bays 3
- 2) Windows 2 panels/sets of windows
fenestration Irregular
type store front type windows, fixed type with band of windows on top, one window
bank toward E end of elevation has been filled in
trim metal
shutters n/a

- Facade (cont'd)
- 3) Door(s) 1
 location off center
 type double, glass pane, pedestrian, original garage door filled in
 trim metal
- 4) Porch(es) N/A
- b. Side: Direction: W
- 1) Bays 3
- 2) Windows 1 set
 fenestration Regular
 type plate glass windows, painted, top section transparent
 trim metal
 shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 2
 location toward N end
 type single/flush, used for M/F bathrooms
 trim metal
- 4) Porch(es) N/A
- c. Side: Direction: E
- 1) Bays 4
- 2) Windows 1 paired
 fenestration Regular
 type paired window, small
 trim N/A
 shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 4, 3 have been filled in
 location toward S end of elevation
 type pedestrian, flush, single
 trim wood
- 4) Porch(es) N/A
- d. Rear: Direction: N
- 1) Bays 0 - blank wall
- 2) Windows 0
 fenestration N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
 shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) Porch(es) N/A

9. INTERIOR: not accessible

10. LANDSCAPING: none

11. OTHER COMMENTS: Large asphalt lot around the building - modern concrete pad and gas pumps, including diesel.



**CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAP FORM**

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CRS#: N14310.

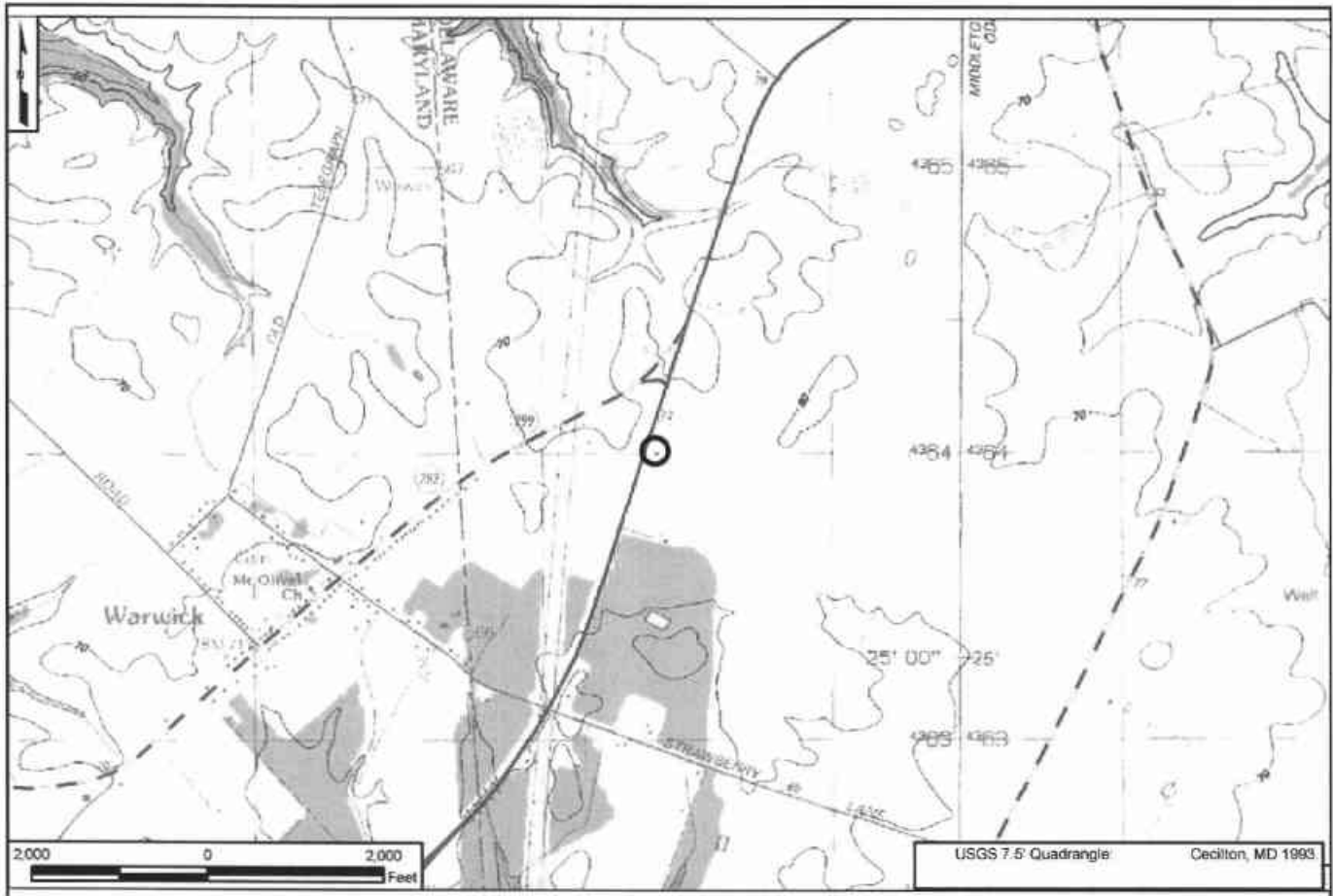
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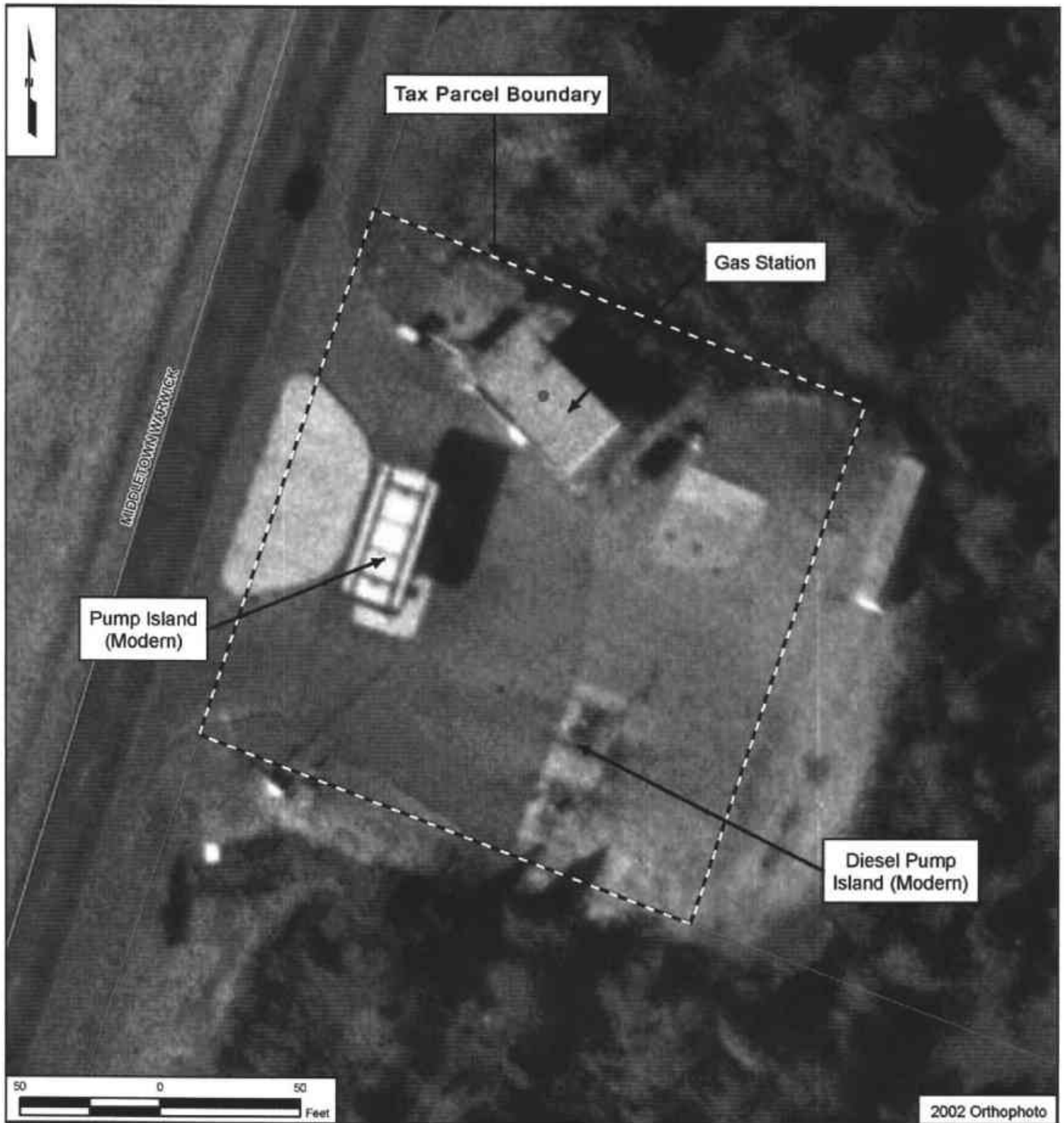
3. LOCATION MAP:

Indicate position of resource in relation to geographical landmarks such as streams and crossroads.

(attach section of USGS quad map with location marked or draw location map)



4. SITE PLAN:



CRS No. N14311

Name: Agway Feed Mill

Address: 5485 Peterson Road

Tax Parcel: 2300500130

Date of Construction/Major Alteration: ca. 1930; 1950-1970; ca. 1990

Time Period: 1880-1940±, Urbanization and Early and Suburbanization

Geographic Zone: Upper Peninsula

Historic Period Theme(s): Commercial Development (Retailing/Wholesaling), Agriculture, and Manufacturing (Industry)

Description

This property is located on the east side of Peterson Road, between the road and the Delaware Railroad. Today it consists of an interconnected frame building used to store lumber, and a modern, open storage shelter to the south. The northern portion of the interconnected building may have a component dating to as early as 1930, but most of the structure appears to consist of modern storage buildings. The buildings and lumberyard are used by Shone Lumber of Middletown.

Historical Narrative

Several buildings appear in the area of the lumber yard on the Sanborn atlases from 1910-1932 and 1932/1940 (Sanborn 1910-1932; 1932/1940). In 1932/1940, a "feed mill" and Eastern States Farmers Exchange/Express Office (depot) appeared in the area of the current lumber yard on the Sanborn maps (Sanborn 1932/1940). The northern portion of the extant interconnected buildings may include a component that corresponds to one of these buildings.

In May 1934, Sydney D. Peverley and the other heirs at law of George V. Peverley, who died in February 1933, conveyed multiple parcels of land to Charlotte Peverley Hukill for the nominal sum of \$1.00 (New Castle County Deed Book B39:222). The deed designates an 87-acre "...farm or tract of land...lying partly within the corporate limits of Middletown" as parcel no. 6 of the enumerated parcels. Evidently on part of the farm, near the tracks of the Delaware Railroad, Charlotte's husband erected a building or buildings which possibly served as a farm service center. The New Castle County parcel detail webpage indicates one of the buildings on the property today dates to 1938 or before. The Hukills conducted this business until Mr. Hukill died. During December 1971, Charlotte, now a widow, sold a small portion of the farm, consisting of 10,098 square feet or 0.23 acres, along with the buildings to Agway, Incorporated, a Delaware corporation chartered in January 1964 and headquartered in Syracuse, New York (New Castle County Deed Book U85:789; Delaware Department of State corporate filings).

To expand their holdings in Middletown, Agway, Incorporated, purchased an additional parcel of land containing 1.38 acres for \$13,450 during February 1975 from the trustees of the bankrupt Penn Central Corporation, successor to the Pennsylvania Railroad, leaseholder of the Delaware Railroad Company, and the trustee of the bankrupt Delaware Railroad Company. Based on information on the parcel detail webpage for parcel no. 2300500130, Agway added another building to their plant in Middletown in 1991. Agway retained its Middletown property until September 1994, when it conveyed the two parcels of land and buildings contained thereon to Richard A. Chambers, Scott H. Chambers, and H. Robert Chambers Jr. for \$130,000 (New Castle County Deed Book 1822:229). Within a year of purchasing the land and buildings from the railroads, these men constructed a concrete block warehouse (New Castle County parcel

detail webpage). The three members of the Chambers family held the property until November 1999, when they sold it to JRS Delaware, LLC, a limited liability company formed in the State of Delaware during November 1997 (Delaware Department of State corporate filings). JRS Delaware, LLC retains ownership of the property today in 2005.

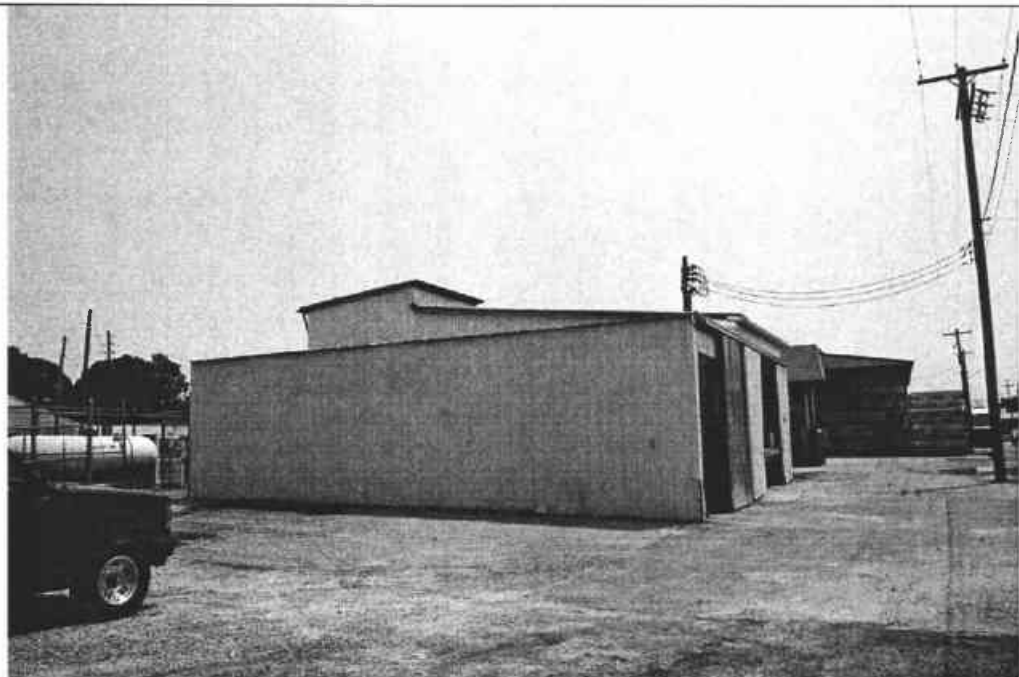
National Register Evaluation

The property was evaluated as a Manufacturing/Industrial Resource as identified in the *U.S. 301 Historic Context and Reconnaissance Survey Report* (A.D. Marble & Company 2005). For an industrial/commercial resource to be considered eligible under Criterion A, it must possess a strong association with local industry and commerce and retain elements that reflect its historic function. Grain processing/retail facilities would need to retain some evidence related to historic use, such as manufacturing equipment and/or storage facilities and evidence of a retail space. The complex does not convey its original function due to loss of all associated features. While the location and setting are intact at this facility (it was obviously located close to important transportation corridors, the Delaware Railroad and U.S. 301), the feeling of the complex has changed in part because the facility has numerous modern additions that obscure historic components; therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion A in the areas of industry, commerce, and agriculture. Based on historic research conducted for this project, the property does not appear to be associated with an individual of historic importance; thus, the property is not eligible under Criterion B. The property does not embody outstanding architectural characteristics of a grain processing mill. Additionally, at least 60 percent of this facility is modern, resulting in a loss of integrity of design, workmanship, and materials and a recommendation of not eligible under Criterion C. The property does not appear to have the potential to yield information about processing technology; therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion D. Due to lack of integrity, the Agway Feed Mill is not eligible for listing in the National Register.

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N14311. Photograph 1. Overview of complex, east elevations, looking southwest. Note fenced-in lumber storage area to south and warehouse section in foreground.

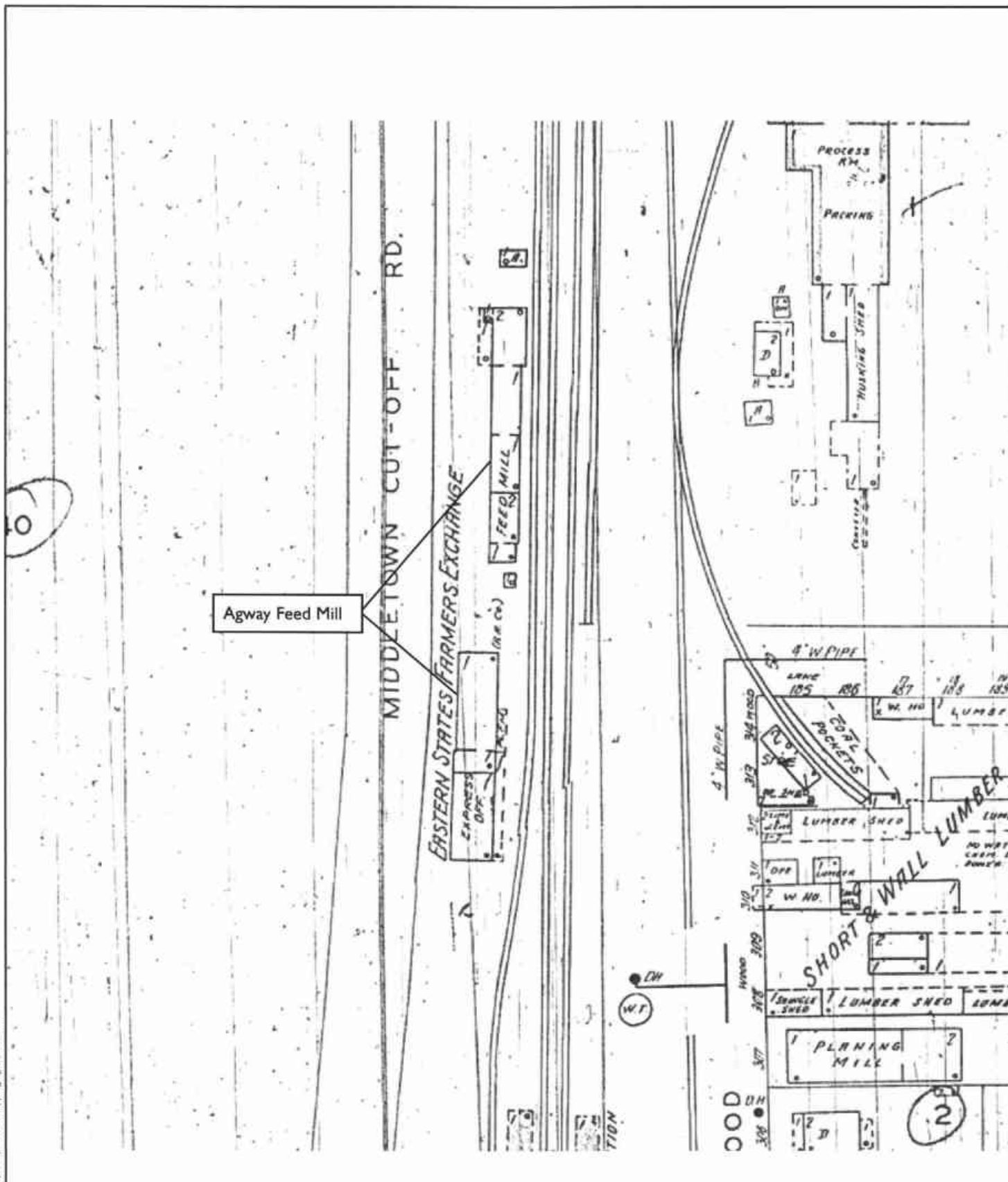


N14311. Photograph 2. Overview of complex, showing re-sided lumber warehouse, north and east elevations. The Delaware Railroad tracks run north-south just on the left side of the photograph.

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N14311. Photograph 3. Overview of southern end of complex, photo taken from inside the lumberyard. Storage sheds in foreground are modern.



Not to Scale

Agway Feed Mill, 1942 U.S. 301 Project Development New Castle County, Delaware

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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION FORM

CRS#: N14311.
SPO Map: 06-07-28
Hundred: Saint Georges
Quad: Middletown
Other: 2300500130

1. HISTORIC NAME/FUNCTION Agway Feed Mill
2. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 5485 Peterson Rd
3. TOWN/NEAREST TOWN: Middletown vicinity? ☐

4. MAIN TYPE OF RESOURCE: building ☒ structure ☐ site ☐ object ☐
landscape ☐ district ☐

5. MAIN FUNCTION OF PROPERTY:

Business Warehouse

6. PROJECT TITLE/REASON FOR SURVEY (if applicable):

U.S. 301 Project Development

7. ADDITIONAL FORMS USED:

#:	Form:	List Property Types:
1	CRS02	Feed Mill
1	CRS09	N/A

8. SURVEYOR INFORMATION:

Surveyor Name: Lauren Archibald / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Name: Barbara Copp / Sr. Architectural Historian

Principal Investigator Signature: Barbara M. Copp

Organization: A.D. Marble & Company Date: 7/25/2005

9. OTHER NOTES OR OBSERVATIONS:

Shone Lumber company

CRS#

N14311.

10. STATE HISTORIC CONTEXT FRAMEWORK (check all appropriate boxes; refer to state management plan(s)):

a) Time period(s)

- ☐ Pre-European Contact
- ☐ Paleo-Indian
- ☐ Archaic
- ☐ Woodland I
- ☐ Woodland II
- ☐ 1600-1750 Contact Period (Native American)
- ☐ 1630-1730 Exploration and Frontier Settlement
- ☐ 1730-1770 Intensified and Durable Occupation
- ☐ 1770-1830 Early Industrialization
- ☐ 1830-1880 Industrialization and Early Urbanization
- ☒ 1880-1940 Urbanization and Early Suburbanization
- ☐ 1940-1960 Suburbanization and Early Ex-urbanization
- ☐ 1960-2000 Deurbanization and Sprawl

b) Geographical zone

- ☐ Piedmont
- ☒ Upper Peninsula
- ☐ Lower Peninsula/Cypress Swamp
- ☐ Coastal
- ☐ Urban (City of Wilmington)

c) Historic period theme(s)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Communication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Settlement Patterns and Demographic Changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping/Hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture, Engineering and Decorative Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining/Quarrying | <input type="checkbox"/> Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Oystering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retailing/Wholesaling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Families, Individuals and Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |



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CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY
MAIN BUILDING FORM

CRS # N14311

1. ADDRESS/LOCATION: 5485 Peterson Rd/Shone lumberyard and warehouse
2. FUNCTION(S): historic feed mill current lumberyard and warehouse
3. YEAR BUILT: 1930 CIRCA?: x ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown
4. STYLE OR FLOOR PLAN: vernacular; open plan
5. INTEGRITY: original site X moved _____
- | <u>if moved, from where</u> | <u>other location's CRS #</u> | <u>year</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
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| <u>list major alterations and additions with years (if known)</u> | | <u>year</u> |
| <u>a. mid-20th century additions to enlarge complex</u> | | <u>1950-</u> |
| <u>b. lumber shed (open)</u> | | <u>1970</u> |
| | | <u>1990</u> |
6. CURRENT CONDITION: excellent _____ good X fair _____ poor _____
7. DESCRIPTION: (Describe the resource as completely as possible. Use N/A for not applicable; leave no blanks.)
- a. Overall shape: rectangular Stories: 1
Additions: large, gable roof storage addition added on S end
- b. Structural system (if known): frame
- c. Foundation: materials: on concrete pad
basement: full partial not visible no basement X
- d. Exterior walls (original if visible& any subsequent coverings): plywood, concrete block, corrugated metal, asbestos siding
- e. Roof: shape: flat and gently pitched gable
materials: corrugated metal
cornice: metal
dormers: N/A
chimney: location(s): N/A
8. DESCRIPTION OF ELEVATIONS:
- a. Facade: Direction: W
- 1) Bays 2 on north section/3 on center section
- 2) Windows 3 paired
fenestration irregular
type paired, small sliding windows in center section
trim metal
shutters N/A

- Facade (cont'd)
- 3) Door(s) 5
 location throughout elevation
 type sliding, garage-type doors for unloading material
 trim N/A
- 4) Porch(es) N/A
- b. Side: Direction: N
- 1) Bays blank wall
- 2) Windows 0
 fenestration N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
 shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) Porch(es)
- c. Side: Direction: S
- 1) Bays 3 overall
- 2) Windows 2
 fenestration Irregular
 type small fixed windows in center section
 trim aluminum
 shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 1
 location rear center
 type pedestrian, flush door
 trim wood
- 4) Porch(es) N/A
- d. Rear: Direction: E
- 1) Bays blank wall
- 2) Windows 0
 fenestration N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
 shutters N/A
- 3) Door(s) 0
 location N/A
 type N/A
 trim N/A
- 4) Porch(es) N/A

9. INTERIOR: Not accessible.

10. LANDSCAPING: N/A

11. OTHER COMMENTS: Has various sections & wall coverings; asphalt parking lot and large asphalt area for open storage of lumber; overall complex has approximately 4 sections, one of which is on concrete blocks under heavy timber support beams.

4. SITE PLAN:

